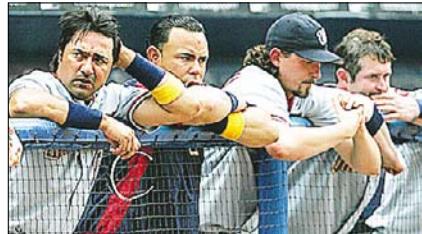


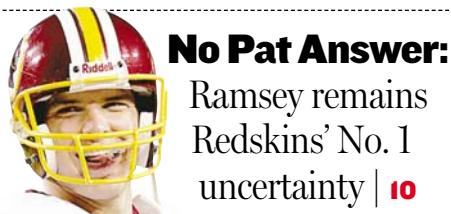
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Diane Lane looks for romance at the end of a leash in 'Must Love Dogs.' Also, 'Yes,' 'Sky High.'

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NORTHERN IRELAND | PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE**DEEP ROOTS:** A boy plays soccer in front of an Irish Republican Army mural in Belfast, Northern Ireland, on Thursday after the IRA issued a statement renouncing the use of violence against British rule and saying it will disarm. ♦ **Profound shift:** The IRA's statement is a dramatic turn toward peace | Page 6

Shuttle Called Fit to Return

Inspection shows Discovery not damaged by falling foam**SPACE CENTER, HOUSTON** | Space shuttle Discovery escaped any serious damage from the potentially deadly piece of foam that broke off from the fuel tank during liftoff and looks safe to fly home in a week, NASA said Thursday.

The welcome news came after Mission Control received stunningly detailed photographs of Discovery taken by the crew aboard the international space station. The shuttle executed an unprecedented backflip to bare its belly to the cameras before docking with the space station.

NASA wanted to make sure Discovery did not suffer the kind of mortal wound that brought down Columbia in 2003.

NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said on ABC: "Everything that we see at this point says that the orbiter is in fact a clean bird."

On Wednesday, NASA suspended all fur-



Griffin

ther shuttle flights after learning that a big piece of foam insulation weighing just short of a pound came flying off Discovery's external fuel tank in an alarming repeat of the problem that doomed Columbia.

All that remains before NASA can clear Discovery for landing is an inspection, most likely on Friday, by a new laser-tipped boom that will provide 3-D views of scraped thermal tiles on the shuttle's belly.

The 100-foot crane will determine the depth of what looks to be surface-coating damage, Shannon said. MARCIA DUNN (AP)

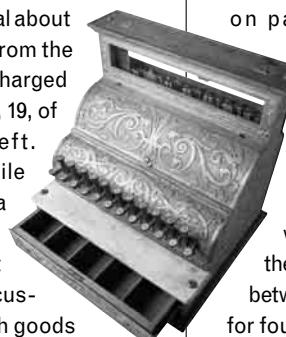
♦ **Mission over?** Some experts say shuttle vehicles are past their prime, but NASA disagrees | Page 3**SHORTAGES | Trouble Brewing** A Louisville, Ky., woman pleaded guilty to arson Tuesday after setting fire to her house because she was upset she had run out of beer, WLKY-TV reported. In the January incident, Ruby Jewell got angry that herhusband would not go buy more beer after they had run out — so she slapped him in the head, and then set fire to their couch. There were no injuries, and Jewell will go through a rehabilitation program instead of going to jail. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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PROMOTIONS

Employee-Discount-For-All Craze Spreads

A Nashua, N.H., store cashier is charged with helping apparently random people steal about \$5,000 in clothing from the store. Police have charged Shayna McDonald, 19, of Nashua, with theft. They said that while she worked as a cashier at the A.G. Wright department store, she allowed customers to leave with goods after charging them a fraction of the cost. Lt. Andrew Lavoie said that McDonald and the customers who got the price breaks apparently didn't know each other. He said the word was out on the street that she gave breaks on clothing and she apparently got nothing in return. (AP)



PARTIES

The Roof, Leaky Roof, Leaky Roof Is On Fire

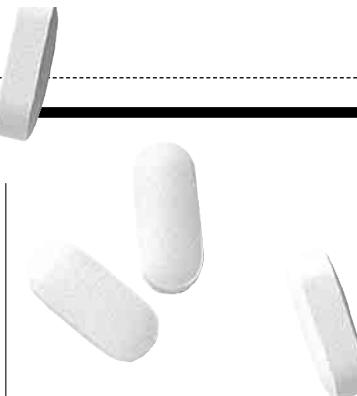
New Zealand's government wants to know how taxpayer money spent on parties was supposed to help fix leaky roofs, the Dominion Post reported. Weathertight Homes Resolution Services was being paid by the government to do repairs on homes with roof troubles, but billed the government for flying its staff between Auckland and Wellington for four themed parties during the past two years. One, dubbed "Pacific Island Extravaganza," was held June 17 and featured dancing girls and kava drinking; it cost the government \$4,000. "It is not clear how it would have contributed to the resolution of leaky homes," deputy prime minister Michael Cullen said. (EXPRESS)



GUITARS

Pick Your Brain

Got a song stuck in your head? What about on your head? Kerry Hodge of Sydney knows the feeling — he plays a guitar while balancing another on his forehead. The technique took five months to perfect; he uses the trick to entertain passersby without singing, so he can save his singing voice for paying gigs. (EXPRESS)



MEDICATIONS

Melts in Your Blood, Not in Your Hand

The maker of Snickers is one-upping a spoonful of sugar to help the medicine go down. Mars is planning to make stroke and diabetes medications out of cocoa, which has compounds — called flavanols — that boost blood flow to the brain, United Press International reported. The company is working with drug companies to develop the medicines. But not all experts think the idea is a good one. "This is about selling chocolate," said Marion Nestle, a New York University professor of nutrition. "Mars is only doing this because it wants people to eat more and more M&Ms." (EXPRESS)

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REMEMBERING THOSE LOST: A new U.S. postage stamp pays homage to the crew of the Black Cat, the last B-24 bomber shot down over Germany in World War II. It's one of 10 planes featured in a new set of 37-cent stamps. They'll go on sale Saturday.



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In Brief



RON JENKINS/THE WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM/AP

A fire rages at the Valley Solvents & Chemicals plant in Ft. Worth, Texas.

FT. WORTH, TEXAS Blasts, Fire at Chemical Plant

A series of explosions hit the Valley Solvents & Chemicals plant Thursday and set off a raging fire, injuring three people and sending up a pillar of black smoke that could be seen 30 miles away. The cause of the fire was not immediately known. (AP)

FT. STEWART, GA. Soldier Who Refused Iraq Orders Cleared of Desertion

An Army mechanic who refused to go to Iraq while he sought conscientious objector status was acquitted of desertion Thursday but found guilty of a lesser charge and sentenced to 15 months behind bars. Sgt. Kevin Benderman, 40, also was given a dishonorable discharge and a reduction in rank to private on the charge of missing movement. If he had been found guilty of desertion, he could have faced five years in prison. (AP)

Experts Mull Ending Shuttle Program

Some say vehicle is too old, risky for use; NASA leaders disagree

HOUSTON | Some critics are casting the space shuttle's latest setbacks as evidence it may be too costly and too risky in the twilight of its life, but NASA and its backers are steeling themselves against any effort to retire it early.

"Maybe it's time to consider that this is the last straw, because the shuttle is enormously expensive. It's a risky vehicle. It's an old technology," said Louis Friedman, who directs the prominent space interest group known as The Planetary Society.

"The shuttle is an amazing vehicle, and it can do things in space that no other asset ... can do," countered NASA flight operations manager John Shannon. "No one is folding their tents."

NASA managers who sent the shuttle back into space this week discovered it is still shedding big pieces of foam insulation on launch,



PAST ITS PRIME? Some experts say shuttles like Discovery, seen here from the International Space Station on Thursday, should be replaced by new technology. Discovery crew performed a backflip to assess potential damage to the shuttle's heat shield.

and they suspended future flights. One chunk captured on camera was almost as big as the one that banged into the heat shield of Columbia's wing during the previous shuttle launch 2 1/2 years ago, dooming the craft and its seven astronauts.

Frustrated NASA leaders, who

have labored since 2003 to limit potential damage to the shuttle's thermal covering, were forced to ground the fleet indefinitely to study more changes. The agency has already poured \$1.4 billion into trying to make the shuttle fleet safer.

As it is, the almost 25-year-

old shuttle program is supposed to end around 2010. NASA is hurrying to develop a new craft capable of going back to the moon and perhaps beyond, but that will probably take years. This same craft would go to the space station, too.

JEFF DONN AND MARCIA DUNN (AP)

HEARSAY | MUSLIMS RESPOND



"Suicide bombing is forbidden in Islam. This is not the solution, it is not the right way of doing things."

— MUHAMMIL H. SIDDIQI

HEAD OF THE 18-MEMBER FIQH COUNCIL OF NORTH AMERICA — A GROUP OF MUSLIM SCHOLARS THAT ISSUED AN EDICT THURSDAY CONDEMNING RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM AND CALLING TERRORISTS "CRIMINALS, NOT 'MARTYRS.'"

Roberts' Civil Rights Stance Questioned

WASHINGTON | After days of Democratic deference to John Roberts, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy said Thursday that documents made public so far indicate the Supreme Court nominee holds a "rather cramped view of the Voting Rights Act."

Materials that Roberts drafted while at the Justice Department

and White House counsel's office during the Reagan administration "certainly raise some questions in my mind about his commitment" to civil rights, said Kennedy, D-Mass.

Sen. John Cornyn said senators should not draw "premature conclusions based solely" on memos from two decades ago. (AP)

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THE COMING FIGHT: From left, Sens. John Kerry, Charles Schumer and Ron Widen rail against the energy bill on Thursday. The bill is expected to pass the Senate Friday.

House Approves Energy Measure

Massive bill gives much of its \$14.5B tax breaks to energy companies

WASHINGTON | The House by a wide margin approved a mammoth energy plan for the nation Thursday that sends billions of dollars in tax breaks and subsidies to energy companies, but is expected to do little to reduce U.S. oil consumption or dampen high energy prices.

"It is not a perfect bill," said Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich. But he called it "a solid beginning" to diversifying future energy sources, improving the nation's aging electricity grid and fostering more energy conservation.

The bill was approved 275-156. Congress now awaits action by the Senate, probably on Friday.

The 1,725-page bill, the product of weeks of compromise between widely different versions approved by the two chambers earlier this year,

would provide \$14.5 billion in energy tax breaks, much of it to traditional energy companies. It also provides money for promoting renewable energy sources, new energy technologies and measures to revital-

Bill's Uranium Connection

→ A provision tucked into the energy bill would ease export restrictions on bomb-grade uranium, a lucrative victory for MDS Nordion, a Canadian medical manufacturer that uses medical isotopes to treat cancer and heart disease. | Today, A Section

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ize the nuclear power industry.

Opponents called the legislation a giveaway of taxpayer money to large energy companies, including wealthy oil giants reaping record profits with crude oil near \$60 a barrel and gasoline averaging well over \$2 a gallon. H. JOSEPH HEBERT (AP)

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OTHER CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

→ The House moved toward

a vote late Thursday on a long-stalled highway and mass transit bill, containing \$286.4 billion for state projects. Congress has had to pass 11 temporary extensions since 2003 to keep money flowing.

→ President Bush early Thurs-

day welcomed the passage of the Central American Free Trade Agreement, saying the measure "helps ensure that free trade is fair trade." However, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi alleged that Republicans made questionable deals to woo Democrats' votes.

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The amount Walgreen Co. agreed to pay to settle claims it broke state and federal laws by failing to monitor sales of over-the-counter cold medicines that can be used to make methamphetamine, authorities said.

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BOY SCOUTS | CHANCE TO DANCE



SCOTT NEVILLE/THE FREE LANCE STAR/AP

MOMENT IN MOTION: Travis P. Sheehan, 19, of Jupiter, Fla., performs an Oklahoma fancy feather dance during a inter-tribal pow-wow Thursday at the National Boy Scout Jamboree. Hundreds of scouts, already reeling from the deaths of four scoutmasters, became ill Wednesday due to blistering heat.

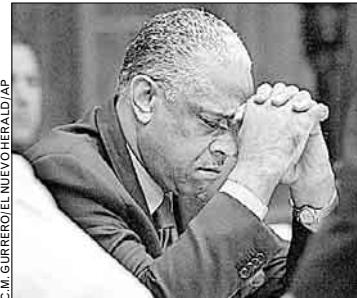
Scandal, Suicide in Miami

Ex-official's death spotlights seriousness of federal indictments

MIAMI | The federal corruption charges brought against former City Commissioner Arthur E. Teele Jr. two weeks before his suicide carried the possibility of a long prison stretch and dim prospects for acquittal, government officials and defense lawyers said Thursday.

Teele, 59, shot himself in the head Wednesday in the lobby of The Miami Herald after asking to speak with columnist Jim Defede. An autopsy was being performed that would include checks for the presence of drugs or alcohol, with results likely in several weeks, police said.

The 26-count grand jury indictment announced July 14 made Teele



Arthur Teele sits in a Miami court in March, where he was eventually convicted of threatening a police officer.

one of more than 1,000 government officials charged with wrongdoing each year by federal prosecutors and the FBI, who rank corruption investigations below only terrorism, espionage and computer-related crime in terms of importance.

Although Teele was also charged with corruption by state prosecu-

tors, defense lawyers say it was the federal case — with a possible prison term of well over 100 years — that probably made it clear to Teele his days as a free man were numbered.

Teele was accused along with an associate in the federal indictment of accepting more than \$59,000 in a scheme to land a \$20 million airport electrical construction contract for a company that did not qualify as required for state or federal small business preferences. He had pleaded not guilty. CURT ANDERSON (AP)

A City's Morbid Curiosity

→ Miami has been riveted by the melodramas unspooling in the hours since Arthur Teele Jr., a Florida political legend, shot himself to death. | Today, A Section

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World



BONING UP: Workers demolishing a house in Shanghai, China, last week made a startling find: seven human skeletons in the attic. The home's former owner said the skeletons were collected by her brother when he was a medical student 40 years ago.

IRA Declares End to Armed Activity

Dramatic statement is fresh attempt at peace for Northern Ireland

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND | The Irish Republican Army renounced the use of violence against British rule Thursday and said it will disarm — a dramatic end to the IRA's 35-year threat to Northern Ireland and a boost toward peace-making.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair praised what he called "a step of unparalleled magnitude," and leaders in Ireland and the United States also heralded the announcement as historic.

But some analysts and politicians warned that the outlawed IRA — which pointedly will not

disband — left wiggle room for its members to keep some weapons and control a criminal empire in a territory whose Roman Catholic and Protestant communities remain deeply divided.

Sinn Fein party leader Gerry Adams, who reportedly quit the IRA's seven-man command in May after three decades, said the IRA was effectively ending its self-declared war to force Northern Ireland out of the United Kingdom.

"There is a time to resist, to stand up and to confront the enemy by arms if necessary," Adams said. "In other words, unfortunately, there is a time for war. There is also a time to engage, to reach out, to put the war behind us all. ... This is that time."

SHAWN POGATCHNIK (AP)



A NEW PEACE PACT
Thursday's statement from the IRA contained new commitments — but left other issues unclear:

● **WAR OVER?** The IRA "formally ordered an end to the armed campaign." The IRA says its bomb-and-bullet campaign to abolish Northern Ireland as a part of the United Kingdom — which was launched in 1970 and claimed 1,800 lives — has been abandoned and will not resume. The new words come close to a long-held British demand for the IRA to say, "The war is over."

● **DISARMAMENT:** This means the IRA will reopen contact with the retired Canadian general who oversaw three previous partial acts of IRA disarmament. But it doesn't mean the IRA has committed itself to total disarmament; units may be told to dump some of their weapons but retain others. (AP)



Funeral services for Jean Charles de Menezes will be held in Brazil on Friday.

Brazilians Grieve For Man Shot 8 Times in London

GONZAGA, BRAZIL | The flag-draped casket bearing the body of Jean Charles de Menezes, the Brazilian man shot dead by British police after being mistaken for a terrorist in London, arrived Thursday in his hometown.

The plain wooden coffin was taken to the Sao Sebastiao Church, where a wake will be held for Menezes before his funeral Friday, a city hall official said.

Meanwhile, the leader of the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales will cut short a pilgrimage abroad to attend a Mass in London's Westminster Cathedral on behalf of Menezes to coincide with his funeral in Brazil. (AP)

British Police 'Race' to Find Bombers

LONDON | British anti-terrorist officers arrested nine men in dawn raids Thursday in connection with the botched July 21 bomb attacks on London's transit system as police warned of "a race against time" to hunt down the bombers.

With three of the suspected attackers still at large, Britain has

launched its biggest police operation since World War II, flooding the city with thousands of officers to reassure the public while also warning of more possible attacks.

"There are many thousands of police officers trying to ensure the safety of Londoners," said Metropolitan Police Commissioner

Sir Ian Blair — three weeks to the day after the July 7 attacks that killed 56 people, including four suicide bombers.

"It does remain possible that those at large will strike again," he added. "It does also remain possible that there are other cells who are capable and intent on striking again."

Scotland Yard said the nine men were arrested under the Terrorism Act at two properties in the neighborhood of Tooting, south London, early Thursday. They were being held in a central London police station.

The arrests bring to 20 the number of people police have in custody, including one of the alleged bombers. ED JOHNSON (AP)

NETHERLANDS | WHAT THE HACK?



FRED ERNST/AP

GEEK MEET: Participants in a computer-security conference, dubbed "What The Hack," dealing with issues such as digital passports and biometrics use laptops while they relax in hammocks in Liempde, Netherlands, on Thursday. About 3,000 cyber experts are attending the convention.

North Korean Nuclear Talks Yield New Dialogue

BEIJING | The top U.S. envoy held his longest meeting yet Thursday with his North Korean counterpart and said he hoped they would soon be able to draft a joint document that would signal some progress in talks aimed at curbing the North's nuclear ambitions.

Such a document of "agreed principles" would indicate a new level of dialogue between the two countries — and come amid new promises for progress in the negotiations, which on Friday will become the longest round of nuclear talks between the U.S. and North Korea in more than a decade.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill and others have stressed that they do not expect any breakthroughs. "We have a long way to go still," he said.

Thursday's bilateral meeting — held as part of six-nation talks — was "maybe the first time both sides talked so deeply, so concretely and for such a long time," said Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Alexeyev, the Russian envoy.

Hill said he hoped to start drafting a results statement "in the next 24 hours" — a possible indication that negotiations were inching forward. BO-MI LIM (AP)



FROZEN IN TIME: A marble statue of the Roman emperor Constantine was unveiled before a news conference in Rome on Thursday. The exciting find, thought to have been sculpted around 312 A.D., was discovered in a sewer by archaeologists.

World



A worker in Cairo watches President Mubarak announce his election bid.

Mubarak To Seek 5th Term

Egyptian leader poised to win first presidential race open to opponents

SHIBIN EL-KOM, EGYPT | Days after Egypt's deadliest terror attack, President Hosni Mubarak made the long expected announcement Thursday that he will run for re-election, promising new anti-terror laws and calling for a summit of Arab leaders in battered Sharm el-Sheik.

Mubarak, a key U.S. ally, will face an election opponent in the September vote for the first time in a quarter century in office. He made a splashy start to his campaign with a televised address surrounded by supporters.

The call for an Arab summit next week in Sharm el-Sheik aimed to signal a strong hand in the face of bombings many Egyptians fear mean a new wave of violence and damage to an ailing economy.

Mubarak is expected to easily win a fifth six-year term in the poll, which comes after years of referendums in which he was the only candidate. This year he ordered the constitution amended to allow opponents in the presidential race for the first time in Egypt's modern history, touting it as a major reform.

NADIA ABOU EL-MAGD (AP)



SEARCH FOR VICTIMS: Indian paramilitary troops and rescue workers search for bodies of people killed in a landslide in Bombay on Thursday following record monsoon rains. Some areas were deluged with up to 37 inches of rain in a single day.

India's Monsoon Rains Kill Over 500

BOMBAY, INDIA | Rescuers pulled bodies from rivers of mud in and around flood-ravaged Bombay Thursday as they searched for survivors of record-breaking monsoon rains that killed at least 513 people this week.

Officials said 273 people have died in Bombay since Tuesday when the cosmopolitan city that is home to India's financial and movie industries was hit by an unprecedented deluge of up to 37.1 inches of rain

in some areas, the highest recorded one-day total in India's history. Much of it came over a few evening hours.

A government-ordered holiday kept workers at home Thursday as normally bustling Bombay struggled to get back on track. The Bombay Stock Exchange did not open, and many banks and other financial institutions remained shut. In the northern Bombay suburb of Saki Naka, relief workers and survivors

searched the ruins of a shantytown crushed when a water-soaked hill collapsed on top of it. While the complete toll was unclear, at least 110 people were killed, and more than 45 others were missing and presumed dead.

"It was terrible to pull out little babies from under boulders and mud," said firefighter S. Shinde. "The very young and the old just didn't make it."

RAMOLA TALWAR BADAM (AP)

FRANCE | HOT AIR



JEAN-CHRISTOPHE VERHAEGEN/REUTERS

AIRBORNE: Hot-air balloons take off in Chambley, France on Thursday in an attempt to break a record for the most balloons taking off together in a line.

British to Inspect Car in Diana's '97 Fatal Paris Crash

LONDON | The car in which Princess Diana died in a Paris crash eight years ago has been sent to London for forensic examination, police said Thursday.

London's Metropolitan Police said the wrecked Mercedes was shipped from Paris to London on Wednesday for the latest stage of investigation into Diana's death.

Diana, her companion Dodi

Fayed and their driver Henri Paul died Aug. 31, 1997 when the car crashed in a Paris underpass.

Forensic experts will be able to examine the car for clues about what

happened in the crash. They will be using the latest technology to build a computer model of the crash scene, the police said.

An official British inquest into the accident was opened last January, but adjourned to allow a police probe. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: A billionaire Saudi prince has donated \$20 million to France's Louvre Museum to help fund a new Islamic art wing — a glassy structure that will bring a modern touch to a neoclassical courtyard. The addition, funded by Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, will be built into the southern wing of the museum. Its wavy roof, made of glass, will look like rippling water. (AP)

In Brief

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

U.S. Military May Protect Foreign Diplomats in Iraq

The U.S. military is considering offering protection to foreign diplomats in Baghdad after al Qaeda agents killed three Arab envoys this month, the American ambassador said Thursday. "Coalition forces ... are planning to look at this problem and see what could be done to fix the security for the diplomats," Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad told reporters. (AP)

KAMPALA, UGANDA

Referendum Vote May Open Door for Multiparty Politics

Ugandans voted Thursday on whether to allow a multiparty system, which was banned for 19 years by a president who argued that political parties were tribally based and responsible for years of civil war. The referendum was the first step in reforming the East African country's constitution, which forbids political parties from campaigning in elections. (AP)



Palestinian brides wait to wed in a mass ceremony organized by Hamas.

NABLUS, WEST BANK

Hamas Holds Mass Wedding in Effort to Show Solidarity

You've seen Hamas, the violent Islamic group. Now meet Hamas, the wedding planner. Some 60,000 people gathered in the Nablus soccer stadium Thursday to watch 226 couples being married according to Islamic tradition, in a mass wedding organized by Hamas. Organizers said the ceremony was an attempt to show a different side of the organization, which has carried out dozens of suicide bombings in Israel. It was also a show of strength for the group, which is contesting Palestinian parliamentary elections for the first time. (AP)

Money



SAFE BET: Alan Greenspan plays it safe when it comes to his own investments, avoiding any hint of conflict that might stem from stock holdings. The Fed chief keeps all of his holdings in money market accounts and Treasury securities, a disclosure form shows.

May Stores Will Change to Macy's

Retail names such as Hecht's will disappear in pending takeover

CINCINNATI | The number of Macy's stores nationwide will rise to some 730 while retail shopping names such as Famous-Barr, Filene's, Hecht's and Kaufmann's will disappear next year under plans outlined Thursday by Federated Department Stores Inc. for its pending takeover of May Department Stores Co.

Besides converting some 330 May stores to Macy's, Federated plans to sell off 68 stores where the two companies have duplicate locations. The changes announced Thursday will eliminate all May nameplates except Lord & Taylor and Marshall Field's.

The pending \$11 billion takeover would combine companies with a total \$30 billion in annual sales.



Many May stores will convert to the Macy's name after the holiday season.

In a statement, Terry J. Lundgren, Federated's chief executive, repeated an earlier pledge not to eliminate any jobs before next March 1. All May stores will operate under their existing nameplates through this year's holiday shopping season. DAN SEWELL (AP)

What's in store: More on how the switch to Macy's will affect local shopping malls | Today's Post, Business

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
HanGroth	6.99	+1.52	+27.8
Ducomun	21.10	+2.58	+13.9
Microfncl	4.65	+.55	+13.4
OmegaP	7.78	+.87	+12.6
Enesco	2.98	+.33	+12.5

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Prestige	11.90	-8.14	-40.6
Kellwood	23.87	-4.24	-15.1
SpectBrd	32.60	-5.77	-15.0
ParPharm	24.21	-3.79	-13.5
DollarTh	32.25	-4.53	-12.3

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	6.25	6.25
Fed Funds close	3.25	3.25
3-month	3.32	3.27
2-year	3.96	3.94
10-year	4.19	4.28
30-year	4.40	4.50

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NutriSys	21.80	+5.39	+32.8
eDiets.com	4.76	+.93	+24.3
FoxHollow	53.70	+10.11	+23.2
KeyTech	13.90	+2.60	+23.0
Aldila	28.00	+4.63	+19.8

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
GrWifResn	13.65	-6.12	-31.0
Pxlrks	7.73	-3.39	-30.5
MIPS Tech	7.10	-1.84	-20.6
MultimGm	10.35	-2.45	-19.1
Andrew	11.30	-2.63	-18.9

Rates

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5690	.5738	.5485
Canadian Dollar	1.2303	1.2336	1.3286
European Euro	.8238	.8297	.8293
Japanese Yen	112.11	112.20	111.67
Mexican Peso	10.6080	10.6480	11.4320
Taiwanese Dollar	31.85	31.90	34.08

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+68.46 10705.55	+12.22 2198.44	+6.93 1243.72

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	89.91	-.49	+10.9
AstraZen	44.14	+.03	+21.3
BarrPhm	47.76	+.62	+4.9
BrMySq	25.17	+.07	-1.8
ForestLab	40.28	+.15	-10.2
Hospira	37.69	-.31	+12.5
IvaxCp s	25.43	-.02	+60.7
JohnJn	64.73	+.19	+2.1
LillyEli	55.44	+.53	-2.3
Merck	31.29	+.07	-2.6
MylanLab	17.66	+.01	-1
Pfize	26.77	+.07	-4
SchergPl	21.01	+.11	+6
Sepracor	53.30	+.19	-10.2
Wyeth	45.78	+.04	+7.5

DaimlerChrysler Chief to Step Down

FRANKFURT, GERMANY | Daimler-Chrysler CEO Juergen Schrempp, the onetime apprentice mechanic who engineered the controversial marriage of Daimler-Benz to Chrysler, announced Thursday

that he will step down at the end of the year.

Dieter Zetsche, who led the resurgence of the U.S.-based Chrysler Group, will take over the world's fifth-largest automaker.

Schrempp designed the 1998 merger of Germany's Daimler-Benz and U.S.-based Chrysler Corp. The merged company has struggled, first with heavy losses at the Chrysler division and now with weak earnings at its former cash cow, Mercedes. (AP)

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TRACK WORK: While commuter parking lots will be open at the Vienna-Fairfax and Dunn Loring stations on the Orange Line, those two stations will be closed all weekend for track work. Buses will run shuttles to the West Falls Church station.



Local

In Brief

WASHINGTON Amtrak Adds More Acela Trains on New York Runs

Starting Monday, Amtrak will run nine Acela roundtrip runs between Washington and New York each weekday. That is three more than the passenger railroad is currently operating along that route.

But it is down from the 15 weekday roundtrips Acela was making between Washington and New York before brake problems were discovered and the high-speed service was suspended in April. (AP)

RICHMOND, VA. Report: Unemployment Rates Up Slightly in N. Va.

High school students entering Virginia's work force helped push the state's preliminary unemployment rate to 3.8 percent in June from 3.6 percent the previous month. But Northern Virginia again had the lowest jobless rates in the state at 2.8 percent, up slightly from 2.7 percent in May. (AP)

GREENBELT, MD. Development Insurers Sue Over Charles County Arsons

The insurers for the company building the Hunters Brooke development in Charles County have filed a lawsuit against the security firm that employed one of the men who allegedly set fire to the subdivision last December.

The suit, filed last Friday in U.S. District Court in Greenbelt by underwriters for Lloyds of London and Axis Specialty Europe Ltd., accuses Security Services of America of negligence and breach of contract. The suit seeks "in excess of \$3 million." (AP)

Support Building For Metro Plan

Infusion of needed federal funds tied to regional cooperation

WASHINGTON | Members of Congress from around the region said Thursday that Metro is critical to the federal government and should receive up to \$1.5 billion a year in federal funds.

Republicans and Democrats joined in announcing bipartisan support for a bill that would provide the cash-strapped transit agency with continuing federal cash, if local jurisdictions establish a dedicated funding source for the bus and rail system.

"The Washington Metro system is a national asset," said Thomas Davis III, R-Va., whose funding proposal would grant the General Services Administration authority to appoint a representative on the Metro Board. Federal employees make up 40 percent of the Metro

system's rush-hour ridership.

"They've clearly said, 'Here's money on the table, if you want it, you have to make it happen.' This changes the dynamic and I welcome that," board chairman Dana Kauffman said. He and other board members have repeatedly faced resistance from local jurisdictions when seeking a consensus on a dedicated funding source.

Uncertainty about general revenues in the District, four counties, three cities and two states that make up the Metro compact have made planning, expansion and maintenance difficult for the transit agency.

"The breakdown of this system, one day, would be billions of dollars that this government would never recover," said Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C. Norton said that she'll support the plan, despite provisions that would limit development or the sale of land near certain Metro stations. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Alston's Killer to Be Sentenced Friday

WASHINGTON | The man who confessed to killing Mayor Anthony A. Williams' liaison to the gay community will learn his fate on Friday.

William M. Parrott Jr., 38, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the March 16 stabbing death of

Wanda R. Alston, 45. The second-degree charge carries a maximum sentence of life in prison, but voluntary sentencing guidelines call for 12-24 years for a defendant with no criminal background, such as Parrott. (AP)



WORKERS NEEDED: Area construction companies are mounting a major effort to fill hundreds of vacancies in trade apprenticeship programs. Beginning Friday, the American Builders and Contractors' Washington chapter and the D.C. Department of Employment Services will host the first of three job fairs at the Naylor Road One-Stop Career Center in Southeast. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, July 28

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	0-2-7
Evening Lucky Numbers	3-0-1
Mid-day DC 4	1-4-2-3
Evening DC 4	9-9-1-5
Quick Cash	23-08-33-11-16-27
Hot Five	32-10-13-01-03
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	01-22-23-30-34 (08)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	5-0-8
Evening Pick 3	7-1-8
Mid-day Pick 4	6-4-9-6
Evening Pick 4	5-5-1-2
Match 5	10-11-33-34-39 Bonus: 36
Lotto (Wed.)	05-11-24-27-31-33

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	6-6-1
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-3-0
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	3-9-6-5

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.)	01-04-10-13-29 (03)
Power Play	05

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.



Michael Douglas, left, talks Thursday with Mayor Anthony Williams on the set of "The Sentinel" on the Connecticut Avenue sidewalk outside the Mayflower Hotel.

Mayor, Hollywood Flirt During Sidewalk Cameo

WASHINGTON | He's ready for his close-up, Mr. DeMille.

The globetrotting mayor of the nation's capital had a bit of Hollywood on his own doorstep Thursday. Anthony A. Williams stood in front of the swank, upscale Mayflower Hotel on Connecticut Avenue, where he filmed a cameo for the new movie "The Sentinel."

Williams — playing himself — walks into the hotel and shakes hands with a Secret Service agent played by a more recognizable marquee name, Michael Douglas.

"It took several takes," Williams' spokesman Erik Linden said of the scene which takes up 30 seconds of celluloid. Williams was on the busy downtown set for about 90 minutes Thursday morning.

"I have to say that the mayor looked very good," Linden added.

Based on the novel of the same name by former Secret Service agent Gerald Petievich, "The Sentinel" stars Douglas as an agent who is having an affair with the president's wife, played by Kim Basinger.

MICHAEL W. KAHN (AP)

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NATIONALS

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TENNIS

Legg Warmers: Tennis holds center court with Agassi, Roddick coming to D.C. | **11**



Mark Brunell, left, and rookie Jason Campbell, are waiting for their chance to start at quarterback for the Redskins this year.



TONY DEJAK/AP/EVAN VUCCI/AP

Standing Pat

Ramsey sets out to prove he's the Redskins' QB of the future

REDSKINS | The Washington Redskins' offense enters the 2005 training camp on Sunday with fresh faces, a new strategy and, as a result, plenty of uncertainty. Irresolution is rare in any team run by coach Joe Gibbs, but as he moves to adapt his game plan of old with a newer NFL, he's brought in players of diverse talents to allow for adjustments both before and during the season.

"We were at the bottom of the league on offense," Gibbs told the Associated Press. "And, as much as anybody, I'm responsible for that."

Of course, it wouldn't be Redskins training camp without a little controversy. Most notably, the team has set up a high-profile competition between 2002 quarterback-of-the-future Patrick Ramsey and 2005 quarterback-of-the-future Jason Campbell. In the middle is veteran Mark Brunell, Gibbs' hand-picked quarterback who was a bust last season.

Ramsey's NFL experience was unusual from the start. He got his introduction riding a horse on the Steve Spurrier QB merry-go-round. Then, during a promising second season as the undisputed starter, he missed the last five games of the season due to a foot injury, before being benched last year for Brunell.

Given a second chance after Brunell proved unable to handle QB duties, Ramsey failed to make

a big impression, throwing more interceptions than touchdowns and showing a slight drop-off from his 2003 performance. Apparently Gibbs didn't like what he saw, taking the as-of-yet-unsigned Jason Campbell in the first round of this year's draft.

"I don't think Patrick was very relaxed," Gibbs said in a Washington Post interview.

Ramsey, who was also a first-round pick, has yet to have a full season all to himself. While Gibbs has named Ramsey the starter for this season, drafting Campbell shows he may not think Ramsey is the right quarterback for his system.

Training camp should reveal whether team officials think Ramsey can be relied on for the entire season. If he has a strong camp, he could delay what looks to be a messy quarterback controversy; if Ramsey doesn't stand out, he'll probably still start — but just until the Redskins find the right time to get Campbell some experience.

"Patrick's been up here for a while now.... I would say that he needs to take this thing and go with it now," Gibbs told the Post. **CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)**

Patrick Ramsey's the starter but has yet to start a full season in three up-and-down years in Washington.



PRESTON KERSEY/TWP



TRAINING CAMP | **There's No Crying in Football** Miami Dolphins rookie Manuel Wright apparently is having a difficult time adjusting to the NFL. He was in tears Tuesday. The 6-foot-6, 290-pound defensive tackle from Southern California broke down during an afternoon practice session. Exactly why Wright lost his composure was unclear. "As you well know, young players need to develop the kind of mental toughness and attitude that they need to be professionals," coach Nick Saban said. (AP)

TV Lineup

→ **HEADING SOUTH:** OK, so the Braves were good. Now the Nats travel farther south to see if they can challenge the fourth-place Florida Marlins on Friday (7:30 p.m. on UPN20), Saturday (1 p.m. on FOX5) and Sunday (1 p.m. on FOX5).



Woods

→ **WILL PLAY FOR CASH:** It's rare to see him outside of the majors, but Buick-sponsored Tiger Woods will make a cameo in Michigan this weekend at the Buick Open. The final round on Sunday (12:30 p.m. on CBS) should find the British Open winner in the hunt for another big paycheck.

→ **HOOSIERS:** Alana Beard has been on fire recently. She'll have to be hot against the Fever if the Mystics want to challenge second-place Indiana on Friday (8 p.m. on CSN).

→ **SOXY BEASTS:** The Phil Nevin-less Orioles now have to take on the Chicago White Sox. Yes, that's the best team in baseball. Televised games are on Friday (7:30 p.m. on PAX66) and Sunday (8 p.m. on ESPN).

→ **STARRY NIGHT:** For the MLS All-Star game, the league gathers its best players to gang up against the English Premier League's Fulham FC. Activities are all weekend in Columbus, but the game is on Saturday (3:30 p.m. on ABC).

→ **A WIE VICTORY?** Michelle Wie takes time away from trying to win on the men's PGA tour to try for her first win on the LPGA tour — in the British Open. Of course, she'll have to get by Annika Sorenstam, who won two of the first three major tournaments this year. Final round is on Sunday (1:30 p.m. on ABC on same-day tape).

Sports

Weekend



Goodenow's last task as union head was securing a deal to end the lockout.

Goodenow Out After Agreement

NHL | Bob Goodenow is stepping down as head of the NHL Players' Association, less than a week after the union and league approved a new labor deal to end a lockout that wiped out the entire 2004-05 season.

Goodenow had three years left on his contract. But many observers thought he was not thrilled by the labor pact, which included a salary cap.

"With the conclusion of the negotiations and the ratification of the new agreement, the parties concur that this is an appropriate action for the future," Goodenow said in a statement Thursday.

Ted Saskin, the union's senior director of business affairs and licensing, will succeed Goodenow as executive director and general counsel. ROB GILLIES (AP)

A Warm-Up Act

Legg Mason officials eye more growth as Agassi, Roddick return

TENNIS | The blazing heat of the past few weeks has chosen a very good time to subside for a while.

The Legg Mason Tennis Classic comes to town next week, and the (relatively) cooler temperatures will make it a lot easier for fans and players alike to enjoy the ATP Tour's annual trip to D.C.

This year's field will feature the usual cast of big names such as five-time Legg Mason champ Andre Agassi, 2003 champion Tim Henman and Andy Roddick — the 2001 winner whose first hardcourt professional victory came at Legg Mason.

But the stakes will be higher than in previous years because the tournament is part of the new U.S. Open series, which awards points and money to the players who do best over the course of the American summer hardcourt schedule.

Jeff Newman, the Legg Mason Tennis Classic's director, said that the United States Tennis Association "has really done a great job on making a focus on the summer season, to raise the profile not only in the markets that the tennis is in but among the players as well."

This year's edition of Legg Mason will also feature a USTA Pro Circuit



After missing Wimbledon with an injury, Andre Agassi returned to action at this week's Mercedes Benz Cup in Los Angeles. Next week, he will be in Washington.

women's tournament. While it might not feature the big names of the WTA Tour, Newman said that having a lower-level women's event can be a stepping stone to bigger things.

"That's our hope," he said. "We've brought the Washington area a great men's event since 1969 and we thought it was time to try to incorporate a women's tournament to have the full product and give fans a better experience."

JONATHAN TANNENWALD

WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?
Andre Agassi is just one of many stars who will be in D.C. for the Legg Mason. Take a look:

- Andy Roddick finished No. 2 in the world last year. In 2001, he became the youngest player to win the Legg Mason at 18.
- James Blake won the tournament in 2002, and the American was No. 76 last year in the ATP.
- No. 6 last year, Britain's Tim Henman was the 2003 champ.

Brown Takes Long Way Home

N.Y. native hopes his last coaching job will be with the Knicks

NBA | Last stop: Madison Square Garden.

That's the way it was for Larry Brown when he was a youngster taking the subway to Knicks games, and that's the way he hopes it will be in his newest job.

Brown was formally introduced Thursday as the new head coach of the New York Knicks, the team he grew up cheering for and the fran-

chise he has helped made significant again.

"I think I say that everywhere I've been," Brown said with a laugh. "I know this will be my last stop. Basketball started for me in this city, and I want to be here when it's finally time for me to stop."

During his introductory news conference, Brown's wife and children sat in the front row near Herb Williams, who will join Brown's staff as an assistant coach and who Brown said would run the team in the event his health problems force him to miss any time.



Brown will get a chance to coach the Knicks, who he cheered for as a child.

Brown's contract was believed to be for four years with a salary of at least \$8 million annually. Had Brown turned down the job, the Knicks would have given it to Williams after he guided the team over the final 43 games last season.

"My greatest hope is that we're going to be good for a long time, and [Williams] is going to be the next coach of the New York Knicks," Brown said. CHRIS SHERIDAN (AP)

Sally Jenkins: Will Larry Brown's homecoming to New York have a fairy-tale ending? | Today's Post, Sports

Swengali

REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON

Gibbs Looks For Old Magic

THE JOE GIBBS Redskins fans remember was known for making adjustments at halftime of each game that usually resulted in wins.

Perhaps that's what made last year's listless team so disappointing. Quarterbacks changed, but the offense didn't.

The result was a 6-10 record following an offseason full of expectation that Gibbs' second coming would be the cure-all for a team that's made the playoffs once since he left.

Now Gibbs can surprise people again. He's got something to prove — and not just to himself.

There's no such delusion this year. Predictions are tempered, with most attention on whether Sean Taylor will be serving jail time or not.

Deep down, that's probably the way the Hall of Fame coach likes it.

Gone, temporarily, is the genius label, replaced by questions whether the game has passed him by.

Now Gibbs can surprise people again. He's got something to prove — and not just to himself.

The master of adjustments had six months to think of a way to create offense. We already know the shotgun will be added, but what else does Gibbs have up his sleeve?

The answers will slowly creep out at training camp starting Sunday.

Surely, the offense will be better this year. It can't be any worse.

Just how good it will be is up for debate until Sept. 12, opening day.

Maybe it's hope, maybe it's just fond memories, but betting against Gibbs a second straight year seems foolish.

Just pretend it's the second half of his comeback, and we are just waiting for a pleasant surprise.

Matt Swenson, a lifelong Washingtonian, is the sports editor of Express.

Weekend

Sports

In Brief



Gary Sheffield, middle, celebrates a three-run home run in Thursday's win.

MLB

Small Comes Up Huge for Yankees Over the Twins

Aaron Small (2-0) is doing his part to keep the New York Yankees' creaky rotation patched together. Small won his second straight start since the Yankees brought him up from the minors last week — his first start since 1996. Gary Sheffield drove in four runs, leading New York over the Minnesota Twins 6-3 Thursday. (AP)

REDSKINS

Gardner Passes Physical, Trade to Panthers Is Official

Rod Gardner passed his physical with the Carolina Panthers on Thursday, completing his trade from the Washington Redskins for a sixth-round draft pick. The move clears \$2.1 million of salary cap space for the Redskins, who need the money to sign first-round draft picks Carlos Rogers and Jason Campbell. (AP)



Gardner

to sign first-round draft picks Carlos Rogers and Jason Campbell. (AP)

CAPITALS

2003 Top Pick Inks 3-Year Deal to Play in Washington

The Washington Capitals signed right wing Eric Fehr, the team's first-round selection (18th overall) in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft, to a three-year contract, vice president and general manager George McPhee announced Thursday. In keeping with club policy, terms were not disclosed. Last season Fehr, 19, was named the WHL Player of the Year. He was also the league's top scorer with 111 points.

Nats' Slide Continues

Braves accuse Guillen of dirty slide following their 3-game sweep

NATIONALS | The Atlanta Braves finished their sweep of the Washington Nationals, but the rivalry between the top teams in the NL East may be just getting started.

Rookie Jeff Francoeur homered twice, and the Braves beat the Nationals 5-4 Thursday in a game featuring a play that angered Atlanta star Chipper Jones.

Upset after being spiked high on his leg by Washington's Jose Guillen in the sixth inning, Jones accused Guillen of "a dirty play" and threatened retaliation when the teams play again.

The Braves opened a three-game lead over the Nationals in the division.



Brian Schneider, left, and Jamey Carroll look down after the Nats' lost to the Braves for the third straight game Thursday to fall three games out of first place.

sion after they were tied entering the three-game series.

The Nationals were trying to rally from an early 4-0 deficit in the sixth when Guillen's single drove in Jose Vidro. Guillen moved to second on a single by Nick Johnson but was thrown out at third when catcher Brian McCann fielded a bunt and threw to Jones.

As Jones was awaiting the throw from McCann, he had his back to Guillen, who slid with his cleats high, tearing Jones' pants. Jones said he initially did not know he had been spiked.

He stayed in the game and said he had a minor cut on his leg.

Guillen said he was just trying to prevent a double play and didn't think he did anything wrong.

"Wait until next time and I'll show you what a dirty play is," Guillen said when told of Jones' comments.

The teams meet in a four-game series in Atlanta Aug. 29-Sept. 1.

CHARLES ODUM (AP)

MLB Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Boston	56	45	.554	—	27-18	29-27
N.Y. Yankees	53	46	.535	2	30-20	23-26
Baltimore	51	49	.510	4.5	28-22	23-27
Toronto	51	49	.510	4.5	28-20	23-29
Tampa Bay	36	66	.353	20.5	24-28	12-38

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Chicago Sox	65	35	.650	—	33-19	32-16
Minnesota	54	46	.540	11	29-22	25-24
Cleveland	52	50	.510	14	25-26	27-24
Detroit	50	51	.495	15.5	24-26	26-25
Kansas City	38	63	.376	27.5	23-29	15-34

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
L.A. Angels	59	42	.584	—	30-22	29-20
Oakland	55	46	.545	4	32-18	23-28
Texas	50	50	.500	8.5	28-24	22-26
Seattle	44	56	.440	14.5	24-25	20-31

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Atlanta	57	44	.564	—	31-14	26-30
Washington	55	46	.545	2	32-18	23-28
N.Y. Mets	52	49	.515	5	32-21	20-28
Florida	50	48	.510	5.5	26-23	24-25
Philadelphia	52	50	.510	5.5	33-22	19-28

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
St. Louis	63	37	.630	—	33-20	30-17
Houston	54	47	.535	9.5	33-14	21-33
Chicago Cubs	52	49	.515	11.5	26-23	26-26
Milwaukee	50	52	.490	14	28-18	22-34
Pittsburgh	44	57	.436	19.5	24-27	20-30
Cincinnati	43	58	.426	20.5	31-25	12-33

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
San Diego	51	50	.505	—	30-19	21-31
Arizona	49	54	.476	3	25-28	24-26
L.A. Dodgers	46	55	.455	5	25-24	21-31
San Fran.	43	57	.430	7.5	22-30	21-27
Colorado	36	64	.360	14.5	26-24	10-40

Standings through July 27 games

Once Again, Nats Game Is Off the Air

TELEVISION | Nationals fans hoping to catch a rare glimpse of the team on television received a rude surprise Thursday when the final game of Washington's series against Atlanta was not aired on Comcast even though TBS broadcast the game nationally.

TBS initiated the blackout as part of its contract with Major League Baseball, which calls for

the cable network — and ESPN — to "protect the distribution rights of the home team," according to Mike Ortman, the vice president of programming for Comcast's Atlantic division.

And because Comcast has yet to reach a deal with the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network to show Nationals games not already aired on UPN20 or WTTG-5, the game was not shown locally on the cable giant even though the rest of the country could see it.

Only ESPN's Sunday night baseball has exclusive rights to be shown in a local market, Ortman said.

MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)

D.C. United Sold To Local Group

New owners seek to build a soccer stadium in the District by '08

UNITED | Hours before D.C. United played Chelsea in last night's highly anticipated exhibition at cavernous, suburban FedEx Field, the MLS champions announced the club's sale to a local investment group with designs on building a soccer-specific stadium in the District within the next few years.

United President and CEO Kevin Payne — along with Tim Leiweke of Anschutz Entertainment Group, which still owns four of 12 MLS teams — said yesterday that local businessmen Willi Lauterbach and Tim Kissler are the leaders of a group that has paid a record price for an MLS team. The terms were not revealed, but Leiweke said "If not for the depth and commitment made toward a soccer-specific stadium we would not have made this deal."

Payne will continue to run the club after the new owners take control next year. He said the parties were introduced to each other by the D.C. Sports



JOE RICHARDSON (TWP)
Kevin Payne, left, Willi Lauterbach, middle, and Tim Kissler now own United.

and Entertainment Commission during discussions about a new stadium — Lauterbach and Kissler's Global Sports and Entertainment are involved in other stadium projects. Payne said he hoped a new facility, likely at Poplar Point on the Anacostia River, would be ready in 2008.

"I think that soccer is going forward in a strong way and we'd like to be a part of it," Lauterbach said following the news conference.

BRIAN STRAUS

Late game: The United-Chelsea match ended after Express' deadline. Results | washingtonpost.com/sports

TELEVISION

Lowe Point: What's a fine TV actor like Rob Lowe doing in a mopey summer drama like Lifetime's "Beach Girls"? | 25

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Power Learning

'Sky High' may be derivative, but too sweet to grouse at

FILM | No one makes movies about teen angst the way John Hughes used to make them. Even Hughes doesn't make movies about teen angst the way he used to make them.

But "Sky High" captures the humor and heartache lurking in the high-school halls with a style that should spark memories in children of the '80s while also appealing to kids who weren't even born by the time the decade came to a close.

The idea isn't exactly original, and neither is the fact that the students who attend Sky High — the geeks and the popular kids, the jocks and the hippies and the obligatory misunderstood rebel — are there to hone their superpowers.

But director Mike Mitchell



JUST SUPER: Parents Jetstream and Commander worry about their powerless son.

keeps things fresh with the help of an eclectic, likable cast that includes Kurt Russell, Lynda Carter, Cloris

Leachman and Dave Foley.

The kids are also especially well-cast, notably Michael Angarano as

Will Stronghold, only son of the world's two most powerful superheroes, who's entering Sky High as a freshman with no apparent powers of his own; Mary Elizabeth Winstead as Gwen Grayson, the beautiful and persuasive student body president; and Danielle Panabaker as Layla, Will's childhood best friend who has a secret crush on him.

Will has been under intense pressure to succeed from his father (Russell) and mother (Kelly Preston) — better known as Commander and Jetstream. His classmates are an amusingly motley group: nerdy Ethan (Dee Jay Daniels), who turns into a puddle; purple-haired goth chick Magenta (Kelly Vitz), who can only transform herself into a purple-haired guinea pig; and cocky Zach (Nicholas Braun), who insists he can glow.

Eventually, the bullies get their comeuppance, the nerds have their day, and young love flourishes. All of this takes place at that teen-movie staple, *The Big Dance*. But "Sky High" is so funny and sweet and observant, you won't mind that the steps feel familiar.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Got Plans?

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My friends and I want to go dancing on Saturday night. Are there any places that offer salsa lessons followed by dancing?

Cecilia's is very cool. The crowd is almost entirely Latino, the bands and DJs are top-notch. There are three sets of classes every Friday night; it's \$10, and includes dancing the rest of the night away to DJs and La Orquesta La Romana.

2619 Columbia Pike; Arlington, 703-685-0790.



MELISSA CANNAROZZI/TWP
La Orquesta Romana, one of the area's hottest salsa bands, plays Cecilia's.

Is there anyplace in the area where you can brew your own beer?

Shenandoah Brewing Company! Making the beer is a lot of fun, especially rolling the barrels all over the floor to "agitate" the mixture. It's fun for anyone who likes beer and/or chemistry projects.

652 S. Pickett St. Alexandria; 703-823-9508.

I'm looking for bars with the best jukeboxes. Any suggestions?

If you like oddball and retro jukeboxes, check out JV's (classic country and honky-tonk) or the Quarry House Tavern (classic rock and '70s outlaw country).

JV's, 6666 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church; 703-241-9504. Quarry House, 8401 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; 301-587-9406.

The Going Out Gurus think you should get out more. Join the discussion Thursdays at 1 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

A New Dog's Stale Tricks

'Must Love Dogs' has a fancy coat, but it's just a chick-flick mutt

FILM | All the hackneyed chick-flick conventions are present in sitcom vet Gary David Goldberg's "Must Love Dogs" starring Diane Lane.

There's the meddling but well-intentioned friends and relatives, the obligatory montage of bad first dates, the guy who seems like Mr. Right (Dermot Mulroney), the real Mr. Right (John Cusack), and the misunderstandings and obstacles that keep our heroine from him.

You know it's bad when half the

cast "spontaneously" bursts into song — a cringe-inducing rendition of "The Partridge Family" theme — in a trailer, no less.

Lane's character, preschool teacher Sarah Nolan, has been divorced for several months. The members of her large, wisecracking, Irish-Catholic family conspire to find her a man.

Her sisters Carol (Elizabeth Perkins) and Christine (Ali Hillis), take the liberty of posting Sarah's puffed-up profile on an Internet dating service. (Not that she needs the puffery. She's good-natured. She loves kids. There seems to be nothing wrong with her — though she



PUPPY LOVE: The road to romance takes no new paths for the recently divorced Sarah (Diane Lane) and sentimental Jake (John Cusack) in "Must Love Dogs."

has so few discernible character traits, it's hard to tell. Plus, she looks like Diane Lane.)

Simultaneously, the recently separated and lovelorn Jake Anderson, an overly romantic boat builder, is nursing his wounds at home with repeated viewings of "Doctor Zhivago." His meddling, wise-cracking buddy is a lawyer.

The chemistry Cusack and Lane share in their scenes comes from Cusack alone. Lane simply doesn't have much to work with here. Cusack's character, meanwhile, is so effusive in his neediness and eloquent in his idealistic platitudes about love, he's a nonstop energy source.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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ART-FLICK: A film in verse! It's daring, we admit/Without E.T.'s, explosions or Brad Pitt/we have to wonder at the point of it.

Negative Outlook

**In the harrowing new
film 'Yes,' the world
intrudes on an affair**

FILM | With "Yes," idiosyncratic and daring British filmmaker Sally Potter tells a searing love story that bares the pain and rage of the conflicts between the Middle East and the West, the demonization of the Arab world and escalating hatred of America.

Bold, vibrant and impassioned, "Yes" is the work of a high-risk film artist in command of her medium and gifted in propelling her actors to soaring performances. Potter is unafraid of letting herself get car-

ried away.

In this instance, in two ways: First, in writing her dialogue in iambic pentameter; second, in going for an epilogue that can only be described as a Hollywood ending.

The glory of the film is the remarkable Joan Allen, whose virtuosity is well matched by that of Simon Abkarian. Allen's "She" is a cool goddess, an eminent London-based microbiologist and Belfast-born American, married to Anthony (Sam Neill), a successful politician and unfaithful husband. Anger and resentment lurk just beneath the surface of their poised public facade, but at a grand dinner She connects with a waiter (Abkarian), who will

be known only as "He," and does not fight it. He turns out to be a Lebanese surgeon who fled Beirut a decade before and lives modestly as a restaurant cook.

They plunge headlong into a torrid affair, but a nasty, potentially violent clash between He and several other cooks of varying ethnicity, religion and politics thrusts He back into his Arabic identity and culture, causing him to reject She as a symbol of a superpower that looks down on the Arab world.

Allen and Abkarian have the presence, skill and commitment to take the viewer along on harrowing emotional journeys. KEVIN THOMAS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



McD's Seeing Green

DEALS | Ronald McDonald is getting a new sidekick: Shrek. McDonald's Corp. said Wednesday it has signed a two-year, non-exclusive deal to promote DreamWorks Animation SKG films beginning with "Shrek 3" in 2007.

McDonald's previously said it wanted to try a new approach to marketing partnerships when its exclusive 10-year deal with the Walt Disney Co. expires next year.



... And so an unholy alliance among clown, ogre and power elite was born.

The relationship between the companies has been marked by notable successes, including "101 Dalmatians" and "Finding Nemo." But there were also mutual flops such as "Atlantis: The Lost Empire" and "Treasure Planet."

The agreement will go beyond typical marketing efforts to include pairing pitchman Ronald McDonald with DreamWorks characters in ads. It will be the first time the company's "chief happiness officer" has shared the spotlight with non-McDonald's characters. GARY GENTILE (AP)

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WHAT TIME IS IT? Morris Day, left, and the Time, of course. The urbane funkster syncopates the crowd at the Stone Soul Picnic.

LUCIAN PERKINS/TWP

Club Picks

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FRIDAY

Everybody stand up: Hip-hop's favorite satirist, **LUDACRIS** aka Luda, is stomping through Dream tonight, and those caught sitting may be trampled. Don't say we didn't warn you.

If you're feeling nostalgic for a little "Ice, Ice Baby," let it go. **VANILLA ICE** certainly has. Now he's all about the skate-punk, when he isn't all about the smoked-out funk or the gangsta rap or the ... yeah, well, he's at Jaxx tonight.

On a strict diet of electronica? Head to the 9:30 Club and smell what Eighteenth Street Lounge's own **THIEVERY CORPORATION** is cooking. There'll be peace, love, dub, bossa nova and deep house for all.

D.C. melodic pop stars, we hardly knew you: **THE SHAKEDOWNS** shake it down for the last time at the Black Cat with fellow party-starters the Safes and — giggle — the Twats.

Just wanna dance, for crying out loud? Get thee heinie free at DC9's **LIBERATION DANCE PARTY**, a mix of music and music videos (just in case one needs to be reminded how to one-two-step), or join the First Ladies DJ Collective at Black Cat's **GIRL FRIDAY** dance party. It's only five bucks and you'll love



SONY

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the ease with which these kittens scratch. And last but certainly most lively, get out your white T-shirt and slip-'n-slide at Nation's **FOAM PARTY**.

SATURDAY

Since there's nothing people like more than anything free, begin your Saturday at the **15TH ANNUAL STONE SOUL PICNIC** on the grounds of RFK Stadium. There will be many vendors but there's no purchase necessary to hear the sounds of Chuck Brown, Trouble Funk, Morris Day & the Time, gospel veteran Dr. Charles Hayes, neo-soul's Dwele and R&B diva Toni Braxton.

A neo-hippie jam band playing a loose and rootsy brand of Southern rock sounds like nothing to **WIDESpread PANIC** about; rock on

with them at Nissan Pavilion.

THE GIBSON BROTHERS may not have been around nearly as long as **THE COUNTRY GENTLEMEN** — those latter fellows formed up a band here in D.C. on July 4, 1957 — but they are gonna prove they're just as progressive as their predecessors on the bluegrass scene when both bands appear tonight at the Birchmere Music Hall.

'Pon de river and give us a run to Crossroads where reggae's lover-boy **WAYNE WONDER** will wow the ladies and there'll be "No Letting Go."

And because we thought nothing could make a party better than a real live gay adult star doing a guest appearance, we are proud to announce the in-the-flesh cameo of Matthew Rush, star of "Defined" and "Taking Flight," at Nation's weekly **VELVET NATION**. Maybe he'll even sign a few unmentionables.

SUNDAY

After Wayne Wonder gets you all warmed up Crossroads, completes the workout with the "King of Lovers' Rock" **MAXI PRIEST** and Jamaican crossover success Third World.

If the stories we hear are true, then Daedalus will be host to a hot happening this late-night. Local lady **AMERIE** and B-more's own **MARIO** will be giving those who couldn't get tickets to the Destiny's Child concert (they're both on the bill as opening acts) a glimpse of what they could have seen — minus the whole "Cater to U" thing, of course. Sorry.

DARONA WILLIAMS (EXPRESS)

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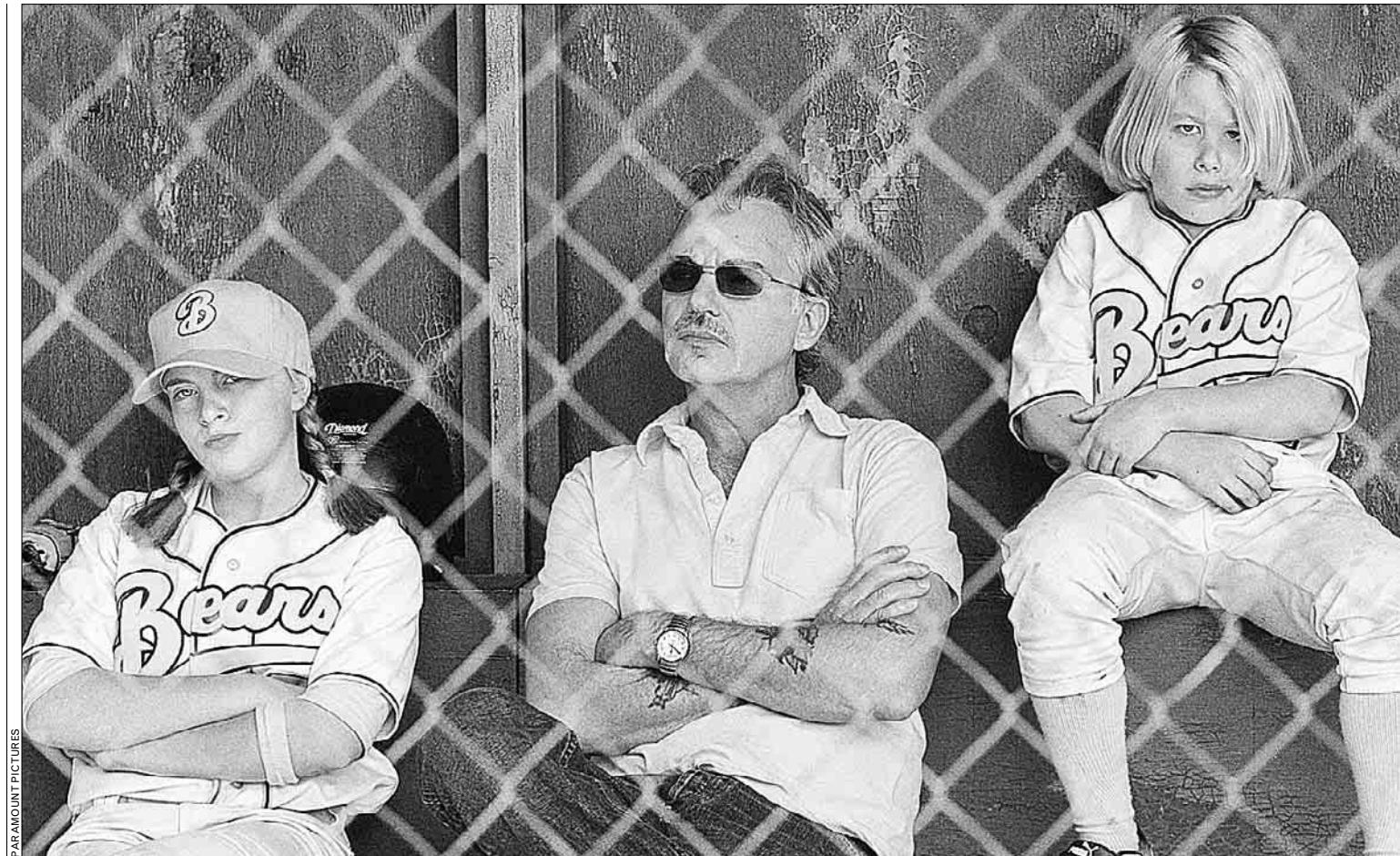
APRES VOUS (R, 110 minutes) In this French romantic comedy, Daniel Auteuil plays sweet, hapless Antoine, a headwaiter who can't say no to anyone. When he saves Louis (Jose Garcia) from hanging himself, he realizes he also has to solve the man's life problems. There isn't much to the movie — you can see where it's going from kilometers away, — but Auteuil is delightful. (DT)

BAD NEWS BEARS (PG-13, 111 minutes) Sure he's just reprising "Bad Santa," but Billy Bob Thornton's shtick never seems to get old. In this remake of the 1976 classic, he's a beer-swilling misanthrope who turns a ragtag, trash-talking gang of kid-die misfits into Little League contenders. The movie, directed by Richard Linklater, is a faithful remake of the Tatum O'Neal-Walter Matthau original, with only minor updates and changes. If truth be told, the movie is dull without Thornton. The young actors (including Sammi Kraft and Jeff Davies) aren't the most stellar thespians to swear their way through a film, and the plot is trite. But this movie's enjoyable for that hangdog coach whose slurry, sour-mouthed retorts knock 'em out of the park every time. (DT)

BATMAN BEGINS (PG-13, 140 minutes) Director Christopher Nolan and his co-writer David S. Goyer have taken the bubble gum out of those previous Batman movies and returned to the dark spirit of comic book creator Bob Kane's work. This prequel about the early days is slow moving in many respects, but it's narratively entrancing. And Christian Bale makes a credible Bruce Wayne, who undergoes rigorous training under the tutelage of mystical warrior Henri Ducard (Liam Neeson). (DT)

THE BEAT THAT MY HEART SKIPPED (Unrated, 107 minutes) This French drama, a remake of writer-director James Toback's 1978 "Fingers," about a man torn between thug life and his love of the piano, plays like a piece of mediocre music, gorgeously rendered. Romain Duris is excellent as Thomas Seyr, a punk who dreams of resurrecting the shot he once had at being a concert pianist like his mother, but which he abandoned 10 years ago to follow in his disreputable father's footsteps. He almost makes you care about which side of Thomas's personality will win out. (MO)

THE BEST OF YOUTH (R, 366 minutes, in two parts) Alessio Boni and Luigi Lo



THERE'S NO SULKING IN BASEBALL: In the Richard Linklater remake of the 1976 comedy, "Bad News Bears" coach Billy Bob Thornton has the proper jaundiced appeal.

Cascio convincingly play brothers whose relationship changes over the course of several decades in this six-hour-long, two-part Italian epic that is both domestic drama and commentary on Italy's history in the second half of the 20th century. The events that play out on the world stage underscore his themes of reconciliation and healing between members of the same family. (MO)

BEWITCHED (PG-13, 105 minutes) Nicole Kidman is engaging as a sweet-natured but very real witch who finds herself playing a fake one in a TV re-do of the classic TV series "Bewitched." But Kidman's power smile is just one of very few flickers in a dismal movie. The other flickers come from Kidman's co-star, Will Ferrell, who turns on the physical comedy as much as he can. But he's working it too hard. (DT)

CATERINA IN THE BIG CITY (Unrated, 106 minutes) High-school movies about not fitting in are a dime a dozen, but this Italian offering from filmmaker Paolo Virzì gets something right that's not so easy to do. That's because it knows the real question is whether the title character (Alice Teighil), a girl from the sticks adjusting to life in Rome, will figure out that life isn't a label. "Who are you really?" Caterina keeps getting asked. Virzì's delightfully open-ended film would rephrase that as, "Who are you becoming?" (MO)

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG, 115 minutes) Johnny Depp's oddball eccentricity as Willy Wonka is an unsettling amalgam of Michael Jackson, Edward Scissorhands and Lisa Kudrow's Phoebe from "Friends." But there are other watchable delights: Wonka's factory is a wonderland of chocolate lakes and candy-grass banks. There are some hilarious routines performed by the diminutive Oompa Loompas. And Freddie Highmore is a charmer as Charlie, the poor kid who wins a ticket to tour Wonka's factory. (DT)

CRASH (R, 100 minutes) The aftermath of Rodney King and 9/11 seems to sear the nostrils of every Los Angeleno in Paul Haggis' white-knuckle hatefest among characters of almost every ideological, cultural or religious stripe. If "Crash" only showed the dark side of humanity, it would barely be worth bothering. But the movie is also about the best in people. As soon as we think we have some character's number he or she turns around and does something quite astonishing. (DT)

DARK WATER (PG-13, 102 minutes) Director Walter Salles brings an almost unheard-of class and style to this pretty creepy (and pretty silly) remake of a Japanese thriller about a woman (Jennifer Connelly) and her young daughter (Ariel Gade) who have moved into an apartment plagued by plumbing problems. "Dark

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"Water" also plays like a prosaic how-to (or rather how-not-to) film on dealing with incompetent maintenance men, shifty building supers and two-faced rental agents. Now that's scary. (MO)

THE DEVIL'S REJECTS (R, 101 minutes) Meet the Firefly family, a southern fried version of Charles Manson's murderous clan that includes Mother Firefly (Leslie Easterbrook), Otis Firefly (Bill Moseley) and his sister Baby (Sheri Moon Zombie). They kill innocents with giddy abandon as they trade endless, graphic obscenities. Rob Zombie's follow-up to the gruesome "House of 1,000 Corpses" is a return to the cold-slab murderousness of "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" and the anything-goes mayhem of midnight movies. For the right audience, this movie is the butt-kicking, dirt-talking, blood-spouting equivalent of beautiful music. Speaking of which, the soundtrack is a stomping kick of its own. (DT)

FANTASTIC FOUR (PG-13, 105 minutes) This movie version of the comic book series, which stars Jessica Alba (as Susan Storm), Michael Chiklis (the Thing) and others, feels like a rote adaptation. We go through the opening history and learn how four astronaut-scientists were caught in a wave of radioactivity and became the Fantastic Four team of superfreaks. But the movie lacks oomph.

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Despite some nice moments of computer-generated imagery, this "Four" ain't so "Fantastic." And the less said about the dialogue, the better. (DT)

HAPPY ENDINGS (R, 130 minutes) — Lisa Kudrow reunites with Don Roos, her director in "The Opposite of Sex," for another darkly comic look at the search for love and the meaning of family. Less jaundiced than "Sex," this film is rich in humor and Byzantine in plot, a fact that is somewhat mitigated by Roos' use of silent-movie-style titles that help viewers navigate the vast web of interconnectedness linking one character to another. "It's a sick, sick bond," says one charac-

ter to another, referring to the love of a mother for her child. The same could be said of the connection between sister and brother, father and son, lovers and spouses in this twisted, but kind of sweet, take on human bondage. (MO)

HEIGHTS (R, 93 minutes) If there's anything good to be said about this film, it's Glenn Close's strutting, booming performance as Diana, a veteran actress who lords it over her stage and acting students, while she casts a controlling, lascivious eye over a promising new actor (Jesse Bradford). Unfortunately, the others, though played by estimable performers, including Elizabeth Banks, James Marsden and Matt Davis, feel like cardboard-cutout New Yorkers. The movie trades on a secondhand conceit about New York City as the storied citadel of countless artistic dreams. (DT)



THE FAMILY THAT SLAYS TOGETHER: Rob Zombie has an affection for midnight movies, and his own versions, such as "The Devil's Rejects," have a pungent kick.

HERBIE: FULLY LOADED (G, 101 minutes) A reconditioned lemon by any other name is still a lemon, and this sequel to the "Love Bug" movies of the 1960s and 1970s, about a magical VW Beetle that thinks it's a race car, is still a clunker under the hood. That's even despite the souped-up star power of Lindsay Lohan, who brings a modicum of pick-up, but not much mileage, to the story about a young woman who rescues a beat-up car from the junkyard. (MO)

HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE (PG, 110 minutes) Fans of Japanimation icon Hayao Miyazaki ("Spirited Away") are more likely to be wowed by his feature-length, "Yu-Gi-Oh!"-flavored cartoon than are fans of British author Diana Wynne Jones' dark and oh-so-tweedy book, on which it is ostensibly based. While not without its

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visual charms, the movie bears no more relation to the novel than gummy bears do to grizzlies. (MO)

HUSTLE & FLOW (R, 114 minutes) In Craig Brewer's charming, gritty hip-hop fairy-tale, DJay (Terrence Howard) is a Memphis pimp heading nowhere slow, who dreams of making the music big time. He's always had a way with rhymes and he has an idea for a song. With the help of an old buddy and sound engineer (Anthony Anderson), and a scrawny white musician (DJ Qualls), DJay makes his new song, "Whup That Trick," take foot-stomping shape. He even gets his hookers, bottle-blonde Nola (Taryn Manning) and Shug (Taraji P. Henson), involved and liberates them in the process. Writer-director Brewer doesn't go light on the obscenity, which is part and parcel of the language of the characters. But his story is so affecting, it threatens to make cross-over audiences sing out: "You know, it's hard out here for a pimp." (DT)

THE ISLAND (PG-13, 127 minutes) Ewan McGregor and Scarlett Johansson, buffed and dressed in sparkling white, play harvested beings, or replicants — to borrow a term from "Blade Runner," which Michael Bay's movie has ransacked. McGregor is a cloned human called Lincoln Six Echo, and Johansson, named Jordan Two Delta, is also a copy of someone else. When they realize they are spare parts for their original molds, they make a run for it. Cue the helicopters and a paramilitary troubleshooter named



THIS WHEEL'S ON FIRE: In "Murderball," teams of tough, tattooed guys go up against each other in a violent, rugby-like game. Oh, and they're all in wheelchairs.

Albert Laurent (Djimon Hounsou) who gives chase. As pretty, very human stars, McGregor and Johansson put the main sizzle into "The Island," since we've seen this plot-line, and this Brave New World, in better sci-fi films. Thanks to their performances, it's still fun to watch. (DT)

MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G, 80 minutes) In this charmfest of a movie, narrator Morgan Freeman tells us about the habits and tremendous resilience of the emperor penguins, whose procreation quest takes them on an incredible journey on the frozen continent, where on a good day, the temperature is 58 degrees below zero. We're talking journeys of about 70 miles to the most frigid chunk of land on Earth. The film is full of wonderful moments and spectacles, including thousands of penguins huddled en masse, nursing their eggs. The wind moans and peppers them with snow. But they hold on to those eggs, which would crack and kill the baby inside if

they touch the ground. (DT)

ME AND YOU AND EVERYONE WE KNOW (R, 9 minutes) Miranda July's brilliant, quirky film is far too complex and precious to render in one short paragraph. But it hums with compassion for its outlandish, lonely but always sweet characters. Everyone operates on eccentric impulse rather than formulaic predictability. (DT)

MR. & MRS. SMITH (PG-13, 112 minutes) Husband-and-wife hit men (Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie) are hired to kill each other as bullets and romantic sparks fly. Nevertheless, Pitt and Jolie's monumental charisma, coupled with director Doug Liman's stylishly jaundiced staging, makes this allegory of modern love and marriage a summer diversion that's fast-paced, fun and sexy. It's a grown-up popcorn movie. (MO)

MURDERBALL (R, 86 minutes) This isn't just the best smash-mouth rugby doc-

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REBOUND (PG, 97 minutes) Just like the

character played by star Martin Lawrence here — a cocky, indolent college basketball star trying to rehabilitate his bad-boy image by coaching a bunch of inept 13-year-olds at his former junior high school — this formulaic underdog sports comedy is lazy and arrogant. It feels as tired as the comedian looks. (MO)

SAVING FACE (R, 97 minutes) Ambitious doctor Wilhelmina Pang (Michelle Krusiec) and dancer Vivian Shing (Lynn Chen) meet cute but awkward in writer-director Alice Wu's affecting tale of overcoming love's obstacles. Set in the Chinese immigrant community of Flushing, Queens, where Wil, as she's known, faces quiet parental disap-

roval for her lesbianism — even as her divorced mother (Joan Chen) is ostracized for getting pregnant by a mystery man — "Saving Face" isn't really about saving face at all. At heart, this romantic comedy is about showing face, about being who you really are. (MO)

STAR WARS: EPISODE III — REVENGE OF THE SITH (PG-13, 140 minutes) In this final installment of the "Star Wars" mega-ology, we learn about the circumstances that led to the creation of Darth Vader. But this most potentially compelling episode of all is marred by the disappointingly ordinary Hayden Christiansen, whose evolution from Anakin Skywalker to the baddest heavy-breathing villain in

sci-fi popular culture amounts to a sort of tizzy fit. (DT)

WAR OF THE WORLDS

(PG-12, 118) Starring Tom Cruise as a divorced father trying to protect his children (Dakota Fanning and Justin Chatwin) from annihilation by ruthless visitors from outer space, this "War of the Worlds" spends a considerable amount of time exploring the interior life of one man, but not at the expense of the film's profound, sustained thrills. It's a rip-roaring popcorn flick with a heart. (MO)

WEDDING CRASHERS

(R, 119 minutes) Jeremy (Vince Vaughn) and John (Owen Wilson) are scoundrels who crash weddings so they can score with women, in

this often-funny caper. But when they attend a big-time Washington wedding party for the daughter of Secretary of the Treasury William Cleary (Christopher Walken), things change. John falls for Claire (Rachel McAdams), one of the secretary's daughters. And Jeremy gets in over his head with another Cleary daughter, Gloria (Isla Fisher). Vaughn is definitely the best man in this wedding comedy. He's a cad and a half who can motor-mouth like a machine gun. (DT)

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CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) (11:00 12:00 1:50 3:20 4:40) 7:30 10:20
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) (10:45 12:20 1:35 3:00 4:25 5:50) 7:25 8:40 10:15 11:30
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG-13) (12:10 2:50 5:30) 8:20 11:05
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) (12:30 2:30 4:30) 6:30 9:05
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG-13) (11:30 2:10 5:10) 7:50 10:50
HERBIE: FULLY LOADED (G) (11:50 2:20 4:50)
BATMAN BEGINS (PG-13) 6:10 9:20
MR. & MRS. SMITH (PG-13) 6:50 9:40
★ MUST LOVE DOGS Rear Window Captioning (PG-13) (12:40 3:10 5:40) 8:10 10:40

**Cineplex Odeon
SHIRLINGTON 7**
2772 South Randolph 703-671-0978

MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13) (12:30 1:40 3:00 4:00 5:20) 6:30 7:30 8:50 9:50
HAPPY ENDINGS (R) (1:20) 7:20
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) (12:40 1:10 3:30 4:10) 6:20 7:10 9:00 9:30
ME AND YOU AND EVERYONE WE KNOW (R) (12:50 3:40) 6:40 9:10
LADIES IN LAVENDER (PG-13) (1:00) 6:50
MAD HOT BALLROOM (PG) (3:50) 9:40
CRASH (R) (4:20) 10:00

**Cineplex Odeon
WISCONSIN AVE. CINEMAS**
4000 Wisconsin Avenue N.W. 202-244-0882

* MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13) (2:00 4:30) 7:20 10:00
★ HUSTLE & FLOW (R) (1:00 3:50) 6:40 9:20
★ BAD NEWS BEARS (PG-13) (1:30 4:20) 7:10 9:40
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) (1:10 4:00) 7:00 9:30
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG-13) (1:20 4:10) 7:10 10:50
BATMAN BEGINS (PG-13) (12:40 3:40) 6:50 9:40
**Cineplex Odeon
ST. CHARLES TOWNE CTR. 9**
11115 Mall Circle, Waldorf 301-648-0818

* STEALTH (PG-13) (1:35 2:10 5:10) 7:50 10:20
★ SKY HIGH (PG) (10:55 1:15 3:40) 6:35 9:00
★ THE ISLAND (PG-13) (12:30 3:20) 6:15 9:40
★ HUSTLE & FLOW (R) (11:25 1:55 4:30) 7:00 9:30
★ BAD NEWS BEARS (PG-13) (11:50 2:25 4:55) 7:20 9:50
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) (11:15 4:15 5:15) 6:50 9:20
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) (12:20 2:55 5:30) 8:00 10:30
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG-13) (12:10 2:45 5:20) 7:40 10:05
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG-13) (11:05 1:30 4:00) 6:25 9:10

**Loews
GEORGETOWN**
3111 K Street, N.W. 202-342-6033

ESCAPE HOLLYWOOD
TO CLASSIC THURSDAY AT 7PM

* MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13) (ON 2 SCREENS) (11:10 12:20 1:40 3:00 4:20 5:40) 7:00 8:20 9:40 11:00 12:00
★ STEALTH (PG-13) (12:50 3:40) 6:30 9:20 12:10
★ SKY HIGH (PG) (12:00 2:40 5:30) 8:10 10:40
★ THE ISLAND Rear Window Captioning (PG-13) (11:50 2:50) 6:00 9:00 11:55
★ HUSTLE & FLOW (R) (11:30 2:10 4:50) 7:30 10:10
★ BAD NEWS BEARS (PG-13) (1:10 4:10) 7:40 10:30
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) (11:20 2:40 4:40) 7:20 10:00 12:30
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) (ON 2 SCREENS) (12:30 1:50 3:10 4:30) 5:50 7:10 8:30 9:50 11:10 12:25
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG-13) (11:40 2:20 5:00) 5:50 7:10 20:50 10:20
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) (1:20 4:00) 6:40 8:50 10:50
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG-13) (12:40 3:30) 6:10 9:10 11:50
BATMAN BEGINS (PG-13) (12:10 3:20) 6:20 9:30
MR. & MRS. SMITH (PG-13) (11:00) A.M.

**Loews
WHITE FLINT 5**
North Bethesda 310-423-1014

* MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13) (12:00 2:30 5:00) 7:20 9:45
★ THE ISLAND (PG-13) (12:10 3:15) 6:20 9:15
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) (11:25 2:10 4:50) 7:30 10:10
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) (11:15 2:00 4:40) 5:30 7:30 10:15
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG-13) (11:20 2:20 4:50) 7:30 10:50
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) (1:20 4:00) 6:40 8:50 10:50

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STEALTH (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1150 1230 120 240 325 420 530) 6:30 7:30 8:20 9:25 10:25
SKY HIGH (PG) DIG (Stadium) (1115 140 410) 7:15 9:50
HUSTLE & FLOW (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1100 100 230 400 520) 700 810 1000 1100
BAD NEWS BEARS (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1110 200 350 440) 720 940 1020
THE DEVIL'S REJECTS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1130 155 240 430) 705 930 1155
CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) DIG ★ (Stadium) (1100 1255 150 445) 650 740 1030
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1120 1245 215 340 505) 640 750 935 1040
DARK WATER (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1220 310) 645 920 1220
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1220 310) 645 920 1220
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1240 330) 625 910 1150
BATMAN BEGINS (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1250 355) 710 1015
MR. & MRS. SMITH (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1210 300) 635 945 1040
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BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12
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Adv. Tix on Sale JESSE MCCARTNEY IN CONCERT (NR) ★
MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1135 230 500) 725 955
SKY HIGH (PG) DIG (1105 210 430) 700 935
HUSTLE & FLOW (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1155 215 500) 715 955
BAD NEWS BEARS (PG-13) DIG (1255 150 355) 645 730 940
THE DEVIL'S REJECTS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1255 145 235) 720 940
STEALTH (PG-13) DIG (1255 150 355) 645 730 940
CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) DIG (1040 1220 120 310 410) 610 700 900 1000
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1045 1140 140 240 340 440 540) 630 740 840 1010
MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13) DIG (1130 1230 200 300 450 550) 750 850 1030
SKY HIGH (PG) DIG (1100 1200 150 250 420 520) 720 820 950
MADAGASCAR (PG) DIG (1250 145 245 345) 650 750 950
MR. & MRS. SMITH (PG-13) DIG (1330) 640
BATMAN BEGINS (PG-13) DIG (415) 645 945
STAR WARS: EPISODE III (PG-13) DIG (1240) 650 945
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG-13) DIG (1245 350) 650 940
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG-13) DIG (1210 320) 615 920 1020
STEALTH (PG-13) DIG (1050 1150 130 230 430) 730 930 1020
THE ISLAND (PG-13) DIG (1004 400) 710 1015

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Adv. Tix on Sale THE DUKE'S OF HAZZARD (PG-13) ★
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) DIG (1055 110 345) 620 845
HUSTLE AND FLOW (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1115 215 500) 800 1040
BAD NEWS BEARS (PG-13) DIG (1110 125 210 445) 745 930 1025
THE DEVIL'S REJECTS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1115 225 235) 755 945
STEALTH (PG-13) DIG (1120 125 235 335) 845
CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) DIG (1040 1220 120 310 410) 610 700 900 1000
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1045 1140 140 240 340 440 540) 630 740 840 1010
MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13) DIG (1130 1230 200 300 450 550) 750 850 1030
SKY HIGH (PG) DIG (1100 1200 150 250 420 520) 720 820 950
MADAGASCAR (PG) DIG (1250 145 245 345) 650 750 950
MR. & MRS. SMITH (PG-13) DIG (1330) 640
BATMAN BEGINS (PG-13) DIG (415) 645 945
STAR WARS: EPISODE III (PG-13) DIG (1240) 650 945
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG-13) DIG (1245 350) 650 940
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG-13) DIG (1210 320) 615 920 1020
STEALTH (PG-13) DIG (1050 1150 130 230 430) 730 930 1020
THE ISLAND (PG-13) DIG (1004 400) 710 1015

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STEALTH (PG-13) DIG (100400) 700 1000 1240
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SKY HIGH (PG) DIG (1230 300 530) 810 1050
HUSTLE AND FLOW (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 400) 700 1000 1240
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G) DIG (1230 320 520) 730 1010
THE ISLAND (PG-13) DIG (1240 430) 740 1010 1250
THE DEVIL'S REJECTS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 430) 740 1010 1250
STEALTH (PG-13) DIG (1240 430) 740 1010 1250
CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) DIG (100400) 710 1020
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 430) 740 1010 1250
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG-13) DIG (1240 430) 740 1010 1250
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG-13) DIG (1240 430) 740 1010 1250
BATMAN BEGINS (PG-13) DIG (1240 430) 740 1010 1250
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MUST LOVE DOGS (PG-13) DIG (125400) 730 1000

SKY HIGH (PG) DIG (125400) 730 1000

STEALTH (PG-13) DIG (1215 1245 320 350) 640 700 940 1005

BAD NEWS BEARS (PG-13) DIG (1040 420) 725 1015

HUSTLE AND FLOW (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1255 345) 645 930

THE DEVIL'S REJECTS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 415) 705 945

THE ISLAND (PG-13) DIG (1200 310) 620 935

CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) DIG (1250 345) 650 950

WEDDING CRASHERS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105300 405) 630 720 925

FANTASTIC FOUR (PG-13) DIG (1240 355) 710 955</

Sand and Stubble

The Lifetime special 'Beach Girls' takes a gloomy summer trip

MALE WEEPIE | Rob Lowe returns to episodic television in the six-part series "Beach Girls" (Sun., 8 p.m., Lifetime), and boy, is he bummed. No, not about his decision to quit "The West Wing"; he's playing Jack Kilvert, a successful Boston lawyer and widower father of 16-year-old daughter Nell (Chelsea Hobbs).

A year after his wife's death, Jack returns to the posh beach town of Hubbard's Point, where in the fateful summer of 1985, his late wife, Emma, was part of a popular circle known as the Beach Girls that also included Jack's sister Maddie (Katharine



Julia Ormond and Rob Lowe wonder if the bored viewers are biting this year.

Ashby) and Stevie (Julia Ormond).

Of the Beach Girls, only Stevie has remained on the point, where she has gone through three marriages and become a famous nov-

elist and a bit of a hermit. For reasons unclear (but that are certain to emerge, gradually and painfully) Jack has cut off ties to his wife's former friends.

In fact, Jack has cut off ties with almost everything, and most notably, with his razor blade. He mopes around the beach house half-shaven when not spooning joylessly with his new girlfriend, who doesn't look much older than Jack's daughter. Can you blame Nell for hating her?

Viewers looking for a fluffy escape to sun, sand, skin and scandal are barking up the wrong sand dune here. Like Jack himself, "Beach Girls" seems moody, depressive and not a little pretentious. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)



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HOFFMANN CENTER 22
Eisenhower Ave and Telegraph Road in Alexandria
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MUST LOVE DOGS (PG13) ✓ 11:30, 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5:30, 6:30, 8:30, 9:30, 11:30, 12:30
SKY HIGH (PG) ✓ 11:10, 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 9:40, 12:20
STEALTH (PG13) ✓ 11:00, 12:45, 2:00, 3:45, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:15, 11:15
BAD NEWS BEARS (PG13) ✓ 12:05, 3:05, 6:55, 9:50
THE DEVIL'S REJECTS (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
HUSTLE & FLOW (R) ✓ 11:15, 12:15, 2:15, 3:15, 5:15, 6:15, 8:15, 9:15, 11:15, 12:15
THE ISLAND (PG13) ✓ 11:50, 1:50, 3:20, 4:50, 6:50, 8:20, 10:20, 11:30
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, 6:35, 7:30, 9:35, 10:30, 12:35
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) 11:45, 1:15, 2:45, 4:15, 5:45, 7:15, 8:45, 10:15, 11:45
DARK WATER (PG13) 10:05 PM, 12:40 AM
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG13) 11:15, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15, 11:15
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (LA MARCHE DE L'EMPEREUR) (G) 12:15, 2:25, 4:40, 7:10, 9:20, 11:40
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG13) 11:00, 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25
BEWITCHED (PG13) 2:35, 8:35
HERBIE: FULLY LOADED (G) 11:05 AM
BATMAN BEGINS (PG13) 12:20, 3:50, 7:05, 10:10
MR. & MRS. SMITH (PG13) 12:20, 3:50, 7:00, 9:55, 11:45
STAR WARS: EPISODE III (PG13) 11:10, 5:05, 11:10
CRASH (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40

UNION STATION 9
Located at Union Station
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MUST LOVE DOGS (PG13) ✓ 12:30, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30
SKY HIGH (PG) ✓ 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00
STEALTH (PG13) ✓ 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:20
THE DEVIL'S REJECTS (R) 12:00, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35
HUSTLE & FLOW (R) ✓ 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
THE ISLAND (PG13) ✓ 12:45, 4:45, 7:10, 10:15
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) 12:00, 4:45, 5:20, 8:00
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) 1:20, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55
REBOUND (PG) 2:55
BATMAN BEGINS (PG13) 10:40 PM
BATMAN BEGINS (PG13) CC 10:40 PM

ACADEMY 8
Beltway Plaza on Greenbelt Rd., Center Court
703-998-4AMC

MUST LOVE DOGS (PG13) 1:40, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
SKY HIGH (PG) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
STEALTH (PG13) 1:30, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
HUSTLE & FLOW (R) 1:00, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
THE ISLAND (PG13) 12:40, 4:00, 7:00, 10:10
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) 12:50, 4:00, 7:00
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) 1:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG13) 1:10, 4:20, 7:10, 10:10
BATMAN BEGINS (PG13) 9:50 PM

POTOMAC MILLS 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

MUST LOVE DOGS (PG13) ✓ 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15
SKY HIGH (PG) ✓ 11:10, 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
STEALTH (PG13) ✓ 11:00, 12:40, 1:40, 3:40, 4:40, 6:30, 7:40, 9:20, 10:30
BAD NEWS BEARS (PG13) ✓ 11:40, 2:20, 5:15, 8:00, 10:35
THE DEVIL'S REJECTS (R) 12:45, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:55
THE ISLAND (PG13) ✓ 12:10, 1:20, 2:00, 5:10, 8:10, 11:00
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) 12:00, 1:30, 4:30, 5:35, 7:00, 8:20, 9:45, 10:50
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) 1:00, 4:00, 5:10, 7:20, 8:00, 10:10, 10:45
DARK WATER (PG13) 10:50, 8:30, 11:00
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG13) 11:20, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (LA MARCHE DE L'EMPEREUR) (G) 11:50, 2:05, 4:15, 6:15, 9:05
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG13) 12:20, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05
HERBIE: FULLY LOADED (G) 11:55, 2:30
BATMAN BEGINS (PG13) 1:30, 2:30
MR. & MRS. SMITH (PG13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:05, 9:55
MADAGASCAR (PG) 1:10, 3:30

MAZZA GALLERIE
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202-537-9553

SKY HIGH (PG) 12:20, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
STEALTH (PG13) 12:00, 1:30, 2:35, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40
THE DEVIL'S REJECTS (R) 12:10, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:15
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) 12:15, 1:15, 3:00, 4:00, 5:30, 6:45, 8:15, 10:45
TOPKAPI, BRINGING UP BABY (PG) 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45
MR. & MRS. SMITH (PG13) 3:30, 9:30
STAR WARS: EPISODE III (PG13) 12:05, 13:00

COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-440-4AMC

HUSTLE & FLOW (R) ✓ 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) 12:30, 1:15, 3:30, 4:15, 6:30, 7:15, 9:30, 10:15
DARK WATER (PG13) 5:10, 10:35
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG13) 12:50, 2:00, 3:50, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:40

BEWITCHED (PG13) 2:30, 8:10
MR. & MRS. SMITH (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
MADAGASCAR (PG) 12:40, 2:50, 5:15, 7:50, 10:00

COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6
Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.
703-998-4AMC

MUST LOVE DOGS (PG13) ✓ 1:40, 4:30, 7:45, 10:15
SKY HIGH (PG) ✓ 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
STEALTH (PG13) ✓ 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 9:55
BAD NEWS BEARS (PG13) ✓ 1:00, 4:45, 8:00, 10:30
THE ISLAND (PG13) ✓ 12:45, 3:45, 6:00, 7:00, 10:05
THE ISLAND (PG13) CC 12:45, 3:45, 6:00, 7:00, 10:05
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:05
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:15, 9:55
BATMAN BEGINS (PG13) 1:45

COLUMBIA MALL 14
10300 Patuxent Parkway
410-423-0520

MUST LOVE DOGS (PG13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
SKY HIGH (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
STEALTH (PG13) 11:00, 12:45, 1:45, 3:30, 4:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30, 12:15
BAD NEWS BEARS (PG13) 11:40, 2:20, 5:15, 8:00, 10:55
THE DEVIL'S REJECTS (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:40, 8:15, 10:55
HUSTLE & FLOW (R) 11:35, 2:20, 5:20, 8:10, 10:50
THE ISLAND (PG13) 12:00, 3:15, 4:00, 6:50, 9:55
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) 11:30, 1:15, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:45
WEDDING CRASHERS (R) 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:20
FANTASTIC FOUR (PG13) 1:30, 4:25, 7:05, 9:50
WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG13) 1:00, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00
BATMAN BEGINS (PG13) 4:40, 10:20
MR. & MRS. SMITH (PG13) 12:00, 7:35

RIVERTOWNE 12
Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
703-998-4AMC

MUST LOVE DOGS (PG13) ✓ 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
SKY HIGH (PG) 1:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

STEALTH (PG13) 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45
BAD NEWS BEARS (PG13) 1:20, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20

THE DEVIL'S REJECTS (R) 1:20, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
HUSTLE & FLOW (R) 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:20

THE ISLAND (PG13) 12:50, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) 12:30, 3:45, 6:40, 9:40

FANTASTIC FOUR (PG13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:40

WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG13) 1:40, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30

BATMAN BEGINS (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

MR. & MRS. SMITH (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

TOPKAPI, BRINGING UP BABY (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30

WEDDING CRASHERS (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:30

FANTASTIC FOUR (PG13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20

WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:15, 9:55

BATMAN BEGINS (PG13) 1:45

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30

WEDDING CRASHERS (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:30

FANTASTIC FOUR (PG13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20

WAR OF THE WORLDS (PG13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:15, 9:55

BATMAN BEGINS (PG13) 1:45

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30

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Television



FOCUS ON THE FAMILY: "Commander in Chief" creator Rob Lurie and star (and reluctant president) Geena Davis insist that the upcoming ABC drama is as much about the residence as the Oval Office — what Lurie called "East Wing stuff."

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

IOWA MIGHT HAVE CRIME, TOO WANTED (Sun., 10 p.m., TNT) Yet another hyper-violent police drama set in L.A. Gary Cole plays the head of a super-secret squad dedicated to tracking and busting the top 100 bad-guys in the City of Angels. You'll swear you've seen it before, and won't miss it when it's gone.

LIFE ON 'MARS'

VERONICA MARS (Fri., 8 & 9 p.m., CBS) isn't even on CBS; it's a UPN drama. Viacom thinks exposure on the more established network will draw fans to the drama about a teenage detective in a dark town of secrets and lies. Tonight, CBS airs the pilot and second episode.

SUGAR-FROSTED HEALTH FOOD

Did Tony the Tiger and the Breakfast of Champions begin as part of a radi-

cal food movement? **CEREAL: HISTORY IN A BOWL** (Sun., 10 p.m., History) looks at the evolution of the breakfast cereal from the health sanitariums of 19th-century Battle Creek, Mich., to today's billion-dollar industry.

THEY CAN'T GET 'ARRESTED'

Fox offers fans four chances to see why **ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT** was nominated



BREAKFAST RUSH: What began as spa food ended up a kids' morning treat.

for the Emmy for Best Comedy. On four consecutive episodes (Fox), the police seize the wrong Bluth (8 p.m.), Gob lets his no-show job go to his figurehead (8:30 p.m.), a stairway to Mexico (9 p.m.) and George Sr. is pronounced dead (9:30 p.m.).

ONE FAMILY'S NIGHTMARE

Sometimes even the most overused journalistic clichés ring dreadfully true. **DATELINE** (Fri., 8 p.m., NBC) looks at a story that qualifies as "every parent's worst nightmare." Thom and Deirdre Forbes are bright, sensitive people who met at the New York Daily News when he was an editor and she worked as a photographer. They live in a big house filled with books in a safe, lovely suburb. Their daughter, Carrick, was a beautiful baby and a bright child, but she recoiled from schoolwork and was quickly deemed a problem student. Her drug use probably began with

adolescence and only worsened when she dropped out of high school.

Using home videos and professional camera crews, "Dateline" followed the Forbes as they try to cope with their daughter's heroin addiction and her flight to New York's drug-dealing demimonde while trying to protect their younger son from her influence.

BUSH — BAD; HUMOR — GOOD

BILL MAHER: I'M SWISS (Sat., 10 p.m., HBO) The "Politically Incorrect" comedian abandons all pretenses of even-handedness and spends much of his time trashing the current administration. "Swiss" seems dated and out of touch with recent events that might have provided ample fodder for satire.

THE TOOTH IS OUT THERE

BLOODSUCKERS (Sat., 9 p.m., Sci Fi) The hunt for vampires reaches outer space in this 2005 shocker.

COURTESY SPIKE TV



BFF: "Ren & Stimpy" was part of the great '90s TV animation revolution.

ANI-MADNESS

Happy, happy, joy, joy! Original episodes of **THE REN & STIMPY SHOW** (Sat., 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., Nick Toons) return. The adventures of an over-caffinated, asthmatic Chihuahua and a dim cat. KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

	7:29:05	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WRC	(4)	News (R)	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Dateline NBC "Saving Carrick" (N) (R) (E)					Crossing Jordan "You Really Got Me"		News (R)	Tonight Show
WTG	(5)	Seinfeld (R) (E)	The Simpsons (E)	The Simpsons (E)	Arrested Dev.	Arrested Dev.	Arrested Dev.	Arrested Dev.	Arrested Dev.	News		A Current Affair	Friends (R) (E)
WJLA	(7)	News (R)	ABC Wid News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (E)	8 Simple Rules (R)	Hope & Faith (R)	Hope & Faith (R)	Less Than Perfect	20/20 (E)		News (R)	(35) Nightline
WUSA	(9)	News (R)	CBS News	9 News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Veronica Mars "Pilot" (R) (E)				NUMB3RS "Vector" (R) (E)	News (R)	Late Show	
WDCA	(20)	That 70s Show	Every-Raymond	Friends (R) (E)	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at Florida Marlins. From Dolphins Stadium in Miami. (Live)					Dharma & Greg		Girlfriends (E)	Girlfriends (E)
WMPT	(22)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	State Circle	Ken Burns American Stories "Mark Twain" (R) (Part 2 of 2) (E) (DVS)					Washington Week		Russell Watson: Now Is the Hour (E)	
WETA	(26)	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Washington Week	NOW (N) (E)	American Experience Silent film actress Mary Pickford.			Jml Edit. Rpt		Charlie Rose (N) (R) (E)	
WHUT	(32)	White House	Tavis Smiley (R)	BBC World News	Money Wise (E)	Evening Exch	Success Stories	History Detectives (R) (E)		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (R)	Charlie Rose (N) (R) (E)	
WBDC	(50)	The Parkers (R)	Steve Harvey	The Parkers (R)	What I Like	Blue Collar TV (R)	Reba (R) (E)	Living With Fran		Will & Grace (R)	Just Shoot Me (R)	Will & Grace (R)	Blind Date (N) (R)
A&E		City Confidential (E)	American Justice		Biography: Bee Gees		Biography "Will Smith" (E)			Biography "Arthur Shawcross" (N)		American Justice	
Animal		The Crocodile Hunter Diaries (E)	The Most Extreme "Stinkers" (E)		Animal Icons "Political Animals"		Animal Cops Houston (E)			Animal Cops San Francisco (E)		Animal Icons "Political Animals"	
BET		106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		★ "Hair Show" (2004, Comedy) Mo'Nique. A hairstylist needs her sister's help to win a contest.						Classic Comic View		BET Nightly News	BET After Dark
Bravo		Blow Out (E)	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (E)	Bobby Brown	Bobby Brown	The 100 Scariest Movie Moments				The 100 Scariest Movie Moments		★★★ "Pulp Fiction" (1994) (E)	
Comedy		Mad TV (R) (E)	Com.-Presents Reno 911! (E)	Daily Show	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Dave Chappelle: Killin' Them Softly			Weekends-D.L.		Weekends-D.L.	
Court		Hollywood Justice Masterminds	Cops (R) (E)	Cops (R) (E)	Cops (R) (E)	Forensic Files	Forensic Files			The Investigators			
Discovery		Monster Garage (E)	American Chopper "Comanche 3"	Southern Steel "Bike 9" (N)	American Chopper "Dixie Chopper 1"	American Hot Rod (N)				Southern Steel "Bike 2"			
DISCH		Paramedics New Orleans paramedics.	Trauma: Life in the ER	Trauma: Life in the ER	Dr. G: Medical Examiner (N)	Critical Hour "Youth in Trauma"				Trauma: Life in the ER			
Disney		Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister (R)	That's So Raven	That's So Raven "Country Cousins"	★★ "The Cheetah Girls" (2003, Comedy-Drama) Raven, Lynn Whitfield. (E)				That's So Raven		That's So Raven	
E!		Kill Reality	E! News (N)	The Soup (N)	Dr. 90210	Dr. 90210 New beginnings.	The Soup			Party at the Palms		Howard Stern	
FX		Fear Factor (R) (E)	King of the Hill (R)	King of the Hill (R)	King of the Hill (R)	King of the Hill (R)	King of the Hill (R)	King of the Hill (R)	King of the Hill (R)	King of the Hill (R)		Rescue Me "Reunion"	
HCTV		Wknd Warriors Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Get Color (N)	Sensible Chic	Designed to Sell	Divine Design		House Hunters		Debbie Travis' Facelift (E)	
Family		Wildfire Kris promises junior a date.	Smallville "Nicodemus" (R) (E)	★★★ "Ever After: A Cinderella Story" (1998, Romance) Drew Barrymore, Anjelica Huston. (E)			Whose Line?			The 700 Club (E)			
History		Hitler's Women "Eva Braun" (E)	Modern Marvels "Limous" (E)	The Last Days of WWII (N) (E)	Modern Marvels "Challenger Tank"	Mail Call (E)	Mail Call (E)			Dangerous Missions "Skywalkers"			
Lifetime		The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	★★★ "Mr. Wonderful" (1998, Comedy) Matt Dillon, Annabella Sciorra. (E)	★★ "I Do (But I Don't)" (2004) Denise Richards, Dean Cain. (E)					"Confessions of an American Bride"			
MTV		VMA Nominee Videos (R)	Direct Effect (R)	True Life Young soldiers return home.	Made "Prom Queen" (R)	The Real World	The Real World			Punk'd (R)		Wild & Out (R)	
NICK		Amanda (R)	Drake & Josh (R)	Teenage Robot	Avatar-Last Air	Catcratch (N) (E)	Danny Phantom "Reign Storm" (N) (E)	Full House (E)	Full House (E)	Fresh Prince		The Cosby Show	
SCIFI		Firefly "Serenity" (E)	Firefly "Serenity" (E)	Stargate SG-1 "Origin" (N) (E)	Stargate Atlantis "Runner" (N) (E)	Battlestar Galactica "Trapped" (N) (E)	Stargate SG-1 "Origin" (E)						
SPIKE		World's Wildest Police Videos (E)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (E)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (E)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (E)	Super Agent (N) (E)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (E)						
TBS		Seinfeld (R) (E)	Every-Raymond	Friends (R) (E)	Friends (R) (E)	★★ "The Wedding Planner" (2001, Comedy) Jennifer Lopez. (E)				(10) ★★ "The Wedding Planner"			
TLC		Clean Sweep "Bean Bag Blow Out"	In a Fix (E)		Million Dollar Agents (N)	What Not to Wear (N) (E)	What Not to Wear (N) (E)			Million Dollar Agents			
TNT		Charmed "Blind Sided" (R) (E)	Law & Order "Blood" (E) (DVS)	★★ "U.S. Marshals" (1998, Suspense) Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes, Robert Downey Jr.	★★ "The Art of War" (2000) Wesley Snipes. (E) (DVS)								
USA		★ "Resident Evil" (2002, Horror) Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez. (E)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (R)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (R)	Monk "Mr. Monk Goes to the Office"				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (R)			
VH1		Top 20 Countdown (N) (R)		The Surreal Life (R) (E)	The Surreal Life	The Surreal Life	Celebrity Fit Club (R)			Best Week Ever		Metal Ruled	
TELEM		Sala de Parejas	Noti-Telemundo	Amarte Asi	El Cuerpo del Deseo	Los Plateados	Decisiones			Noticiero Tel.		Laura	
UNIV		Viviana	Noticiero Univ	Inocente de Ti	Apuesta por un Amor	La Madrastra	Casa de la Risa	Par de Ases		Primer Impacto		Noticiero Univ.	
ESPN		SportsCenter (Live) (E)	Fishing: Bassmaster Classic	2005 U.S. Open of Competitive Eating	City Slam	Baseball Tonight (Live) (E)				SportsCenter (Live) (E)			
ESPN2		ATP Tennis: Mercedes-Benz Cup	Streetball (E)	Karate	Boxing Friday Night Fights James Lubwama vs. Rodney Tonay. (Live) (E)					Arm Wrestling		Arm Wrestling	
CSN		Baseball Report	SportsNite (E)	Victor Awards XXXIX Las Vegas.	WNBA Basketball Washington Mystics at Indiana Fever. (Live)					Around Track		Best-Sports	
CNN		Lou Dobbs Tonight (E)	Anderson Cooper 360 (E)	Paula Zahn Now (E)	Larry King Live (E)		NewsNight With Aaron Brown (E)			Lou Dobbs Tonight			
FNC		Special Report (Live) (E)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (Live) (E)	Hannity & Colmes (Live) (E)		On the Record-Van Susteren			The O'Reilly Factor			
MSNBC		The Abrams Report	Hardball (E)	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	The Situation With Tucker Carlson		Scarborough Country			Hardball (E)			
AMC	(5:15)	★★★ "Hoffa" (1992, Biography) Jack Nicholson. (R) (E)		★★ "Death Warrant" (1990) Jean-Claude Van Damme.	(45) ★★ "Children of the Corn II: The Final Sacrifice" (1992) Terence Knox.							(45) Scream 2 (R)	
TCM	(15)	★★★ "The Heavenly Body" (1943, Comedy) Hedy Lamarr. (NR) (E)		★★★ "Back to the Future" (1985, Fantasy) Michael J. Fox. (PG)	★★★ "Batman" (1989, Adventure) Michael Keaton. (PG-13) (E)								
HBO	(15)	★ "Up Close & Personal" (1996, Drama) Robert Redford, Michelle Pfeiffer. (R) (E)		The Comeback (R)	The Comeback (R)	Six Feet Under (R) (E)				Bad Boys Com.		Simmons-Poet	
MAX	*	★ "Sniper 2" (2002, Action) Tom Berenger. (R) (E)	★★★ "Carlito's Way" (1993, Drama) Al Pacino, Sean Penn, Penelope Ann Miller. (R) (E)			★★★ "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise. (R) (E)							
SHOW	★★ "Godsend" (2004) Greg Kinnear. (PG-13) (E)	Barbershop	★★ "Sexual Life" (2004) Eion Bailey, I.V. (R) (E)		WEEDS Added	Penn & Teller	Penn & Teller			★★ "Jeepers Creepers 2" (2003) (R)			
TMC	(5:45)	★★ "Beyond Borders" (2008, Drama) Angelina Jolie. (R) (E)	★★ "Ghoulies" (1985, Horror) Peter Lippke. (PG-13)		★★ "Dolls" (1987, Horror) Carrie Lorraine. (R) (E)					★ "National Lampoon's Dorn Daze"			
STARZ!	(5:05)	★ "It Could Happen to You" (PC)	(6:50) ★★ "G.I. Jane" (1997, Drama) Demi Moore. (R) (E)		★★ "Duplex" (2003) Ben Stiller. (PG-13) (E)		(35) ★★ "The Village" (2004) Bryce Dallas Howard. (E)						
ENCORE	(105)	★★★ "Cop Land" (1991, Drama) Sylvester Stallone. (R) (E)	★★ "Con Air" (1997, Suspense) Nicolas Cage, John Cusack. (R) (E)		★★ "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" (2003) (E)								

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Fitness

Keeping your brain in sync with music maximizes work outs

It was the tae kwon do championship, and competitor Michael Tang needed something to help him concentrate, to calm his pumped pre-competition energy. He turned to the one thing he knew would work: music.

Strapping on his headphones and cueing up some techno-trance music, he closed his eyes and began to visualize himself going into the ring, winning the first round, then the second. "It put me into a more relaxed state of mind and helped me focus," Tang said of the 2001 match.

He kept the music in his head throughout the event. The result? He won the U.S. national title.

Athletes work hard to reach a state of internal calm, harnessing their mind power to stay intense, but not frantic. Music helps them get into that zone, offering flow, control, focus. It helps them manage the pain of stressing their bodies to levels undreamed of by most three-times-a-week joggers.

"If you have a genre of music that really gets you pumped and keeps you focused, it will distract you from negative thoughts," said sports psychologist Michelle Cleere.

How music affects athletic performance begins with the eighth nerve from the ear, which has two direct tracks: one that involves hearing, and another that goes straight to the vestibular system, that part of the cerebellum that manages balance and some motor functions. The same kinds of messages from the cerebellum that enable us to concentrate also encourage maximum performance. So when the right kind of music hits that eighth nerve, all sorts of good messages get sent to

the cerebellum.

Humans are hard-wired to process music, on a motor level and an emotional one, said Mark Bodner, director of research for the MIND Institute, a nonprofit brain research and education facility in Costa Mesa, Calif. "Certain music has certain structures that resonate with certain networks we're born with," he said. When those networks overlap with others, it can affect complex motor sequences such as athletic activities.

Music can trigger various emotional responses too, which may explain why athletes seek out certain types of music. "Even if you're listening to something passively, it will elicit a very specific response," Bodner said. "It truly is tapping into something very innate."

Although each physical part of the brain is connected to particular functions, the brain is also a masterpiece of interconnected systems, and brain waves circulate throughout. Delta waves, for example, are associated with deep sleep, and a drowsy feeling means that theta waves dominate.

When adults are awake and alert, but anxious and perhaps too focused, fast beta waves are in action.

But in the state of flow, of being in the zone, of being totally relaxed but highly focused, alpha waves organize the brain.

Visualization, deep breathing and listening to music are all techniques used to bolster alpha waves. Athletes in an alpha wave state are charged up, but not so much that performance is marred or that exhaustion hits long before crossing the finish line.

Music can be a continuous stimulus to get the alpha waves rolling, helping the athlete (and the week-

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BONO'S BEAT: Carlos Lopez finds U2's "Bloody Sunday" a perfect motivational theme while pumping iron in Los Angeles.

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end warrior) induce a state of higher concentration, minimizing pain and distraction. When the body is in peak condition and the mind is in a state of calm focus, records can be broken, holes shot under par and tennis serves aced.

Although most people who exercise to music might not give copious thought to their playlists, for pro and elite athletes, the undertaking is more serious. How much music they listen to, and when and where they listen to it, can have good and

and too tightly wound. "I know consciously the feeling I'm trying to get, the state of mind I'm trying to achieve," the 31-year-old from Massachusetts said.

One study, done two years ago at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, found that women who listened to music ran a minute or two longer than those who didn't. They also adjusted their strides to run more efficiently, and had lower perceived exertion.

Some research suggests that music tempo is also a factor in the relationship between music and exercise.

In one study, up-tempo music, more than slower music or no music at all, promoted positive moods during exercise.

Another study of Russian weightlifters proposed that the speed of an exercise should be matched to the beat for maximum effect.

JEANNINE STEIN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

bad consequences.

For Tang, choice of music is critical in maintaining a middle ground between being too calm

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Space Exploration

Shuttle Woes

DR. ROGER LAUNIUS, chair of the Division of Space History at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, was online Thursday to discuss NASA's decision to ground its shuttle fleet. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Are you sure the Discovery space shuttle will come back to Earth? How can you ensure the crew's safety?

Nothing is 100 percent guaranteed. And we don't know yet the extent of any damage that might have taken place with the orbiter. The preliminary analysis suggests that there was almost no damage to the vehicle. There will be additional pictures and video and those will be analyzed in detail and only then will we have any sense of whether or not Discovery will be able to come home safely. I'm quite optimistic that this crew will return safely.

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IN RESPONSE TO the reader who asked where all the news concerning Karl Rove had disappeared to (July 27, Letters), I would answer: just where Republicans and the Bush administration hoped it would, into the ether. All they had to do was play rope-a-dope with the media for about a week until the president announced his Supreme Court nominee. It'd be nice if our news media had the nerve to focus on the issue. But unfortunately an

—CHUCK MABRY
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The Love for the Manolo

THANK YOU FOR putting the Manolo's words of wisdom in your paper (July 26, Styles). I have enjoyed reading his blog, so it was wonderful to see him in Express. This town needs all the advice it can get to increase its superfantasticness, so please give us more of the Manolo!

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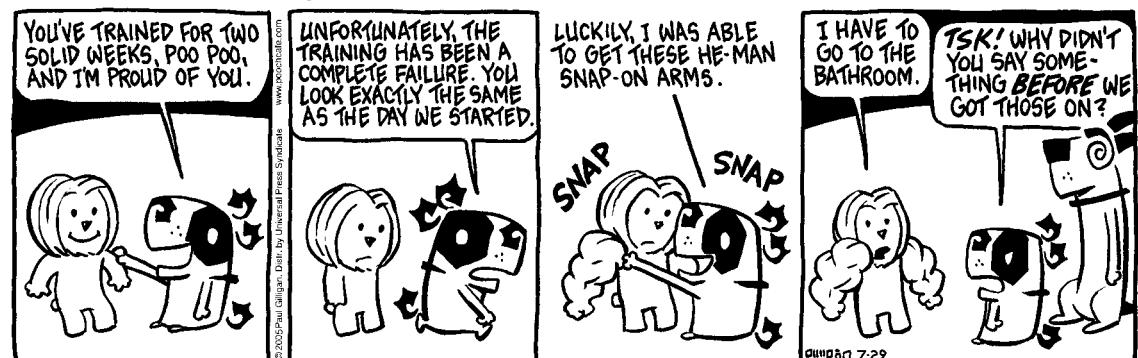
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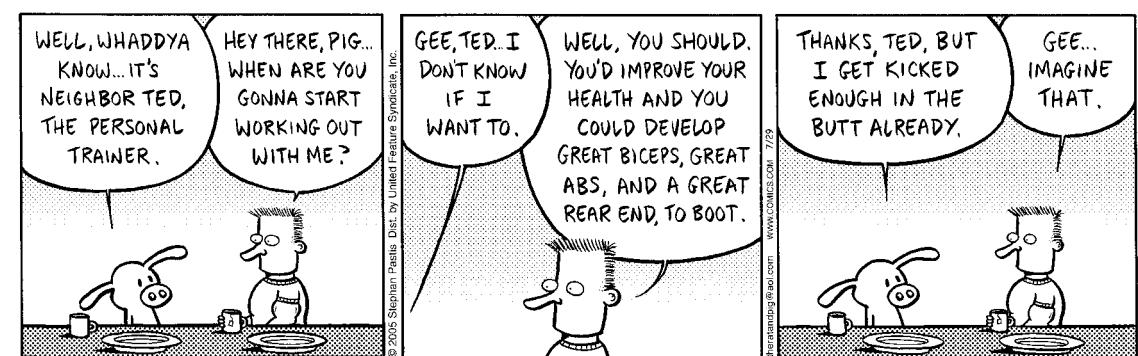
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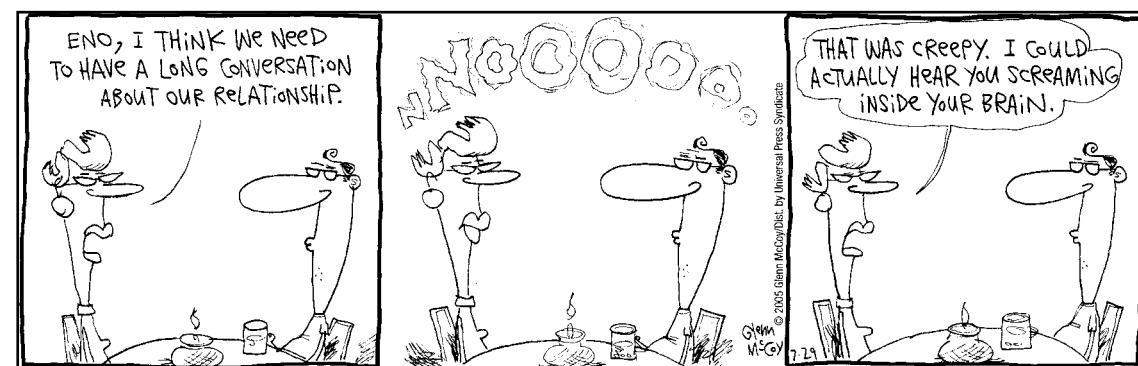
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SNOWSARA.BLOGSPOT.COM ON DENNIS RODMAN, WHO LEFT ONLY \$20 FOR BOTH GAS AND A COWBOY HAT AT A COLORADO GAS STATION. RODMAN WAS LATER ACCUSED OF STEALING THE HAT AND INSISTED HE HAD RECEIVED IT AS A GIFT AT THE STATION.

THE Blog LOG

NEW HEIGHTS

"It sounds like a name 8-year-olds would come up with — 'Hey guys, let's make a secret club! Let's call it the Secret Awesome Cool Guys Club! No Girls Allowed!"'

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DISPATCH FROM IRAQ

"I have no doubt that we burn more calories through the process of eating than the amount of calories we are consuming with what little we have to eat. It's so hot in there that sweat drips off the foreheads of the guys serving us."

SOLDIER BLOGGER ADAYINIRAQ.COM ON HIS DEPLOYMENT TO RAMADI

ADAMS MORGAN WARS

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NEW HEIGHTS

"Good. It's about time someone add some shape to Chicago's magnificent skyline. And not only will this add a prominent building, but some say it will add a feminine touch to a predominantly masculine cityscape."

RANDEM.NET ON SANTIAGO CALATRAVA'S PROPOSED 115-STORY TWISTED SKYSCRAPER FOR CHICAGO

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Tap into your leadership qualities. There are many scattered individuals in your orbit; you can surely harness their energies.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try not to be too fastidious; it's sure to get in your way. Lie back and don't let yourself get too immersed in scattered, trivial details.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may have a tendency to be pensive and moody. It is all right to be quiet and thoughtful, but guard against sinking into a funk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Let go of that grudge you've been holding close for a while. Wipe the slate clean and peace of mind will surely be the result.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You will be truly inspired. The good ideas and the fresh outlook will come to you at a steadily increasing rate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't waste time. Opportunities are rushing

by and you must be willing to reach out and grab them as they pass.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You have been busy lately with a variety of tasks and interests. Find time to give some attention to a special friend who feels neglected.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Embrace the earthy side of yourself. You'll have time to take a long walk, engage in sports or tend to outdoor chores around the home.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There is almost nothing you won't be willing to tackle. Remember this as you face an imposing hurdle that lies before you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Remember that while your brain is calculating things at light speed, you must slow down and make decisions deliberately and with care.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make time for yourself. It is easy to forget how important it is to tend to your own needs and it will positively affect other endeavors.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is a good day to evaluate your own standing by looking openly and honestly at those around you. Take a step back; be more objective.

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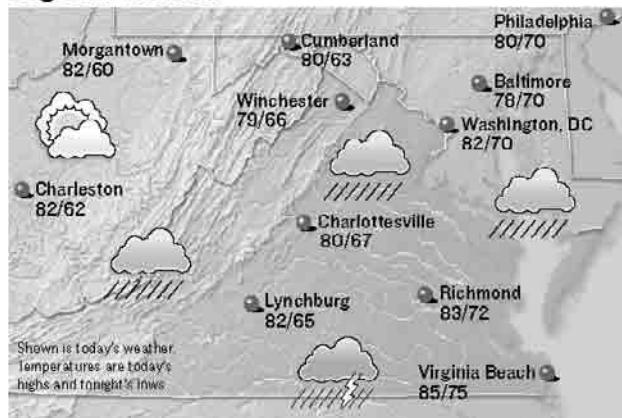


DO enjoy comparatively frigid 80-something-degree days this weekend, outdoors. Every Saturday, artists show and sell their work at Adams Morgan's Western Market. It's at the Marie Reed Learning Center Plaza on 18th Street, between California and Kalorama. Visit dcwesternmarket.com for more details.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Rain, a thunderstorm, humid	Intervals of rain	Morning rain possible, cloudy	Mostly cloudy, shower in spots	Partly sunny	Partly sunny, warm
82°	70°	82° / 70°	82° / 70°	86° / 70°	88° / 72°

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Precipitation

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Month to date	6.05"
Normal month to date	3.31"
Year to date	27.26"
Last year to date	24.12"
Normal year to date	22.47"

For up-to-the-minute weather see: washingtonpost.com/weather

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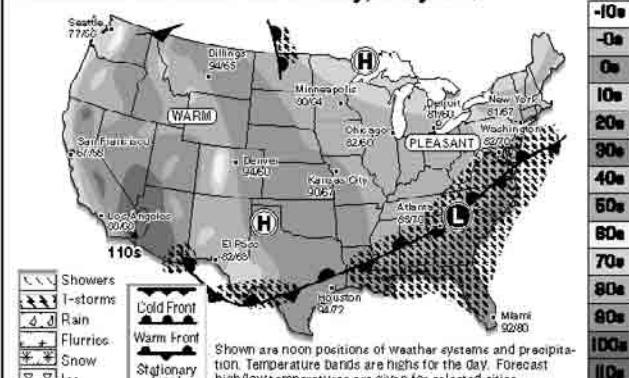
D.C. Metro: Today, cloudy, humid, rain, a thunderstorm. High 82. Wind southeast 5-10 mph. Tonight, humid, additional rain. Low 70.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:06 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:22 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:35 a.m.
Moonset today	3:30 p.m.



National Weather for Friday, July 29



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Today Hi/Low	Hi/Low
Atlanta	85/70/t	83/70/t	70/61/r	70/59/sh
Boston	80/67/pc	78/62/pc	80/67/pc	93/75/s
Chicago	82/60/s	84/64/s	95/68/pc	86/63/r
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Look Out

Not Your Normal 'Cheesecake'

Hollywood

Leg-revealing photo shoots could launch careers decades ago

When Joan Leslie won a contract at Warner Bros. at age 15, she was instructed to report to the swimming pool at the Lakeside Country Club two blocks from the studio. Her duty: to pose for photographs in bathing suit and shorts.

This was her introduction to cheesecake, also known as leg art, a Hollywood ritual from the 1930s into the 1960s. Studios issued photos of curvy starlets — and stars — to the nation's newspapers and magazines, and they were printed widely.

The collapse of the studio system — and the women's movement — took a big bite out of cheesecake. Actors, publicists and photographers were dropped from studio contract lists.

A new generation of actresses considered posing in bathing suits demeaning, and feminists agreed.

Newspapers and magazines scorned such stunts as old-fashioned, corny and blatantly promotional. Men's magazines preferred their centerfolds sans bathing suits.

The beginning of cheesecake can be traced to the silent era in which attractive young women in high-necked woolen bathing suits were photographed cavorting on California beaches. They were called the Mack Sennett Bathing Beauties and they included future stars such as Carole Lombard and Phyllis Haver.

History does not record why the popular bathing suit photos acquired the name of the high-calorie dessert. Candid guess: because both were delectable.

Despite the 1930s Depression — or perhaps because of it, beleaguered citizens sought escape from their travails with cheap entertainment. And Hollywood flourished.

All the majors embraced cheesecake as a means of publicizing their product and stars.

A remarkable 2003 book, "Sunkissed" by Joshua James Curtis, reproduced hundreds of photos showing actresses in bathing suits or other scanty attire.



DESSERT: Marilyn Monroe, always an attention-grabber, loved her cheesecake.

World War II brought the heyday of cheesecake.

Homesick GIs yearned for photos of beauties in scanty attire to pin up beside their bunks, and the studios supplied millions of "pinups."

The three most famous photos: Rita Hayworth kneeling on a bed in a negligee; Betty Grable in a bathing suit, smiling invitingly over her shoulder; Jane Russell nestling against a haystack, blouse cut low.

Cheesecake continued during the postwar years and was joined by another phenomenon: beefcake.

Studios discovered that revealing photos of their male stars helped build their popularity, especially with teenage girls. Well-built actors such as Rock Hudson, Victor Mature and Tony Curtis were photographed in bathing trunks playing volleyball at the beach.

In the '50s, cheesecake got a startling infusion from Marilyn Monroe's electric presence.

She was the subject of two historic photographs: the nude pose against red velvet and the shot of her skirt billowing up as she and Tom Ewell stood over a New York sidewalk vent for a scene in "The Seven Year Itch." BOB THOMAS (AP)

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CAMPFIRE GIRL

Pearl Izumi's Western Ruby jersey could almost pass for a "real" shirt. (\$45, teamestrogen.com)



SPORTY SPICE

Loretta Shorts are padded but not bulky. (\$65, harlotwear.com)



LAID-BACK BIKER

Performance Mountain tee (\$20, performancebike.com to buy or find stores); Otis shorts (\$50, pearlizumi.com to buy or find dealers)

Neon No More

You love long bike rides but are sick and tired of your friends making fun of your "diaper pants." And, really, neon doesn't complement anyone's skin tone, even Lance's. These outfits will keep you comfortable during that 35-miler, and you won't be embarrassed to be seen in them when you're done. **BETSY QUERNA**



POCKET PAL

The men's Optik jacket is easy to hide on hot days—it scrunches down to pocket-size. (\$75, pearlizumi.com)

Outdoors



Don't Mean to Bug Ya

There's nothing like a swarm of mosquitoes to ruin your poolside look. **BUG BAN** wristbands—plastic bracelets with citronella, geranium and lemongrass essential oils—keep the bites away (\$2.29 each at bugban.com). Almost odorless (they have a light citronella scent) and totally non-toxic, they're safe for all ages. They're also quite the sporty accessory: Miami's Delano Hotel hands them out to guests, and Mercedes Benz ordered thousands to hand out at the 2005 US Open this August. (THE DAILY)

Office



Give Me a Hand

The **HANDY STRAP STAPLER** (\$10, Staples), which sports a removable base, was invented by a teacher to ease vertical stapling to walls and bulletin boards. While we enjoyed the violent thrill of slamming our stapler-hand against walls, we're not the target audience. So we asked Katya Fedorov, a teacher at Edison High School in Fairfax, to try it out. She found the strap "so tight it slowly cuts off circulation" and wasn't pleased with the capacity—it only holds half a strip of staples, requiring frequent refills. Her recommendation: "Keep the run-of-the-mill desktop stapler and save time by assigning detention to one of the students. Make them staple everything to the board." (EXPRESS)



THE SKORT RETURNS

Louis Garneau's skort hides padded bike shorts under a wrap skirt. (\$55, performancebike.com to order and find local stores)

LOOK out People

EDUCATION

We Were Looking Forward To Calling Him 'Dr. Wow'

Fresh out of high school, 18-year-old rap star **BOW WOW** isn't ready for college just yet, despite his mother's desire to see him go. "Hey, I never promised her — but uh, yeah, college, honestly, is really not on my mind right now," said Bow Wow, who is touring to support his fourth album, "Wanted." "If I do it, it'll be later on. If I had to do it, I'd major in business," Bow Wow said. (AP)



Maybe he'll get a post office, too.

AP

GIVING

Williams Never Getting Another Parking Ticket

San Francisco is famous for making the personal political. And so it was when **ROBIN WILLIAMS** and his wife, Marsha, offered to donate \$80,000 to fix a retaining wall and median strip near their home. City supervisor Gerardo Sandoval balked, fearing Williams would be getting preferential treatment, but eventually joined nine colleagues in voting unanimously to accept the gift. (AP)



CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

BABIES

Hugh Jackman Instantly Hotter

HUGH JACKMAN and his wife, actress Deborra-Lee Furness, have adopted a daughter, E! Online reported. Australia's Herald Sun reported earlier this week that the baby girl was born in Texas on July 10. The couple adopted a son, Oscar Maximillian, in May 2000, and have been married since 1996. (EXPRESS)

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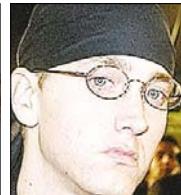
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SPLITS

Hottie Back on Market, But You Still Have No Chance

TV personality **BROOKE BURKE** and her husband, Garth Fisher, have called it quits. The co-host of CBS's "Rock Star: INXS" and Fisher announced their separation in a statement issued to People magazine Wednesday. The two have been married since 2001 and have two children. "We are saddened to announce that we have mutually decided to separate after seven years together," the statement read. "We have a great deal of respect for one another and remain committed to raising our two children together." (AP)

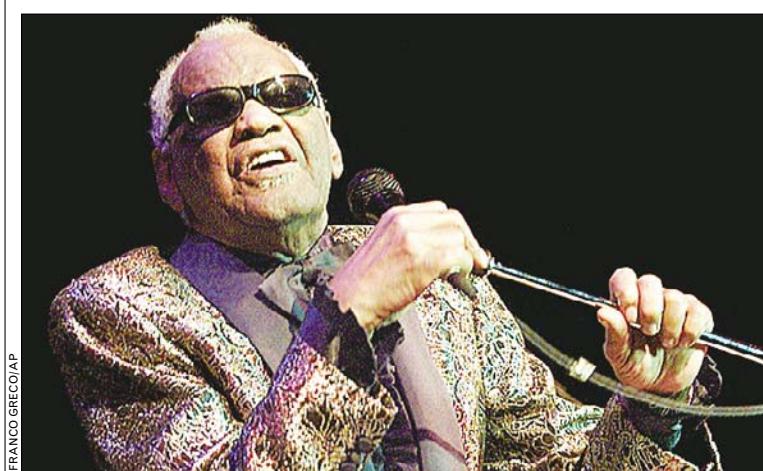


Moby and Eminem could be brothers!

RESPECT

Eminem May Not Want to Kiss and Make Up Quite Yet

MOBY says he has newfound respect for **EMINEM** — who once mocked him in a song — because the rapper criticized President Bush and the war in Iraq on his last album. "I found myself respecting him for doing that," Moby told reporters during a promotional stop in Hong Kong for his latest album, "Hotel." (AP)



Ray Charles will get his own L.A. post office. Surely, an airport will be next.

MEMORIALS

But the Stamps Will Probably Still Cost 37 Cents

On August 24 — what would have been **RAY CHARLES**'s 75th birthday — Los Angeles officials will rename a post office in honor of the soul leg-

end. The Ray Charles Post Office Building is near the recording studio where Charles, who died last June at 73, recorded most of his albums. "He was a man of the people, so this is a wonderful tribute," his longtime manager Joe Adams said. (AP)

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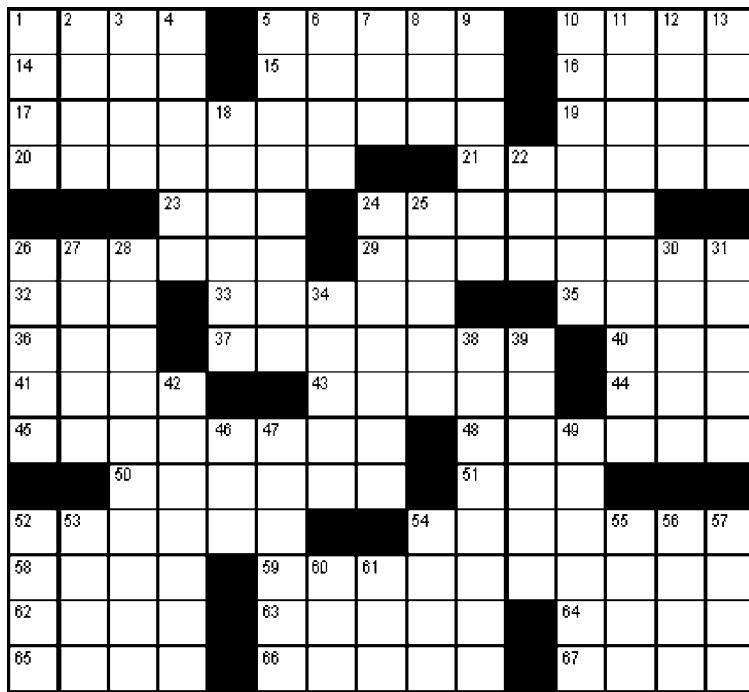
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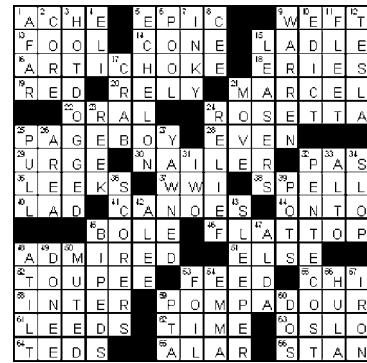
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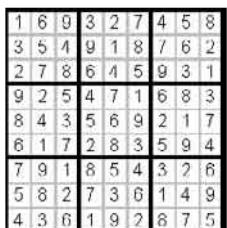
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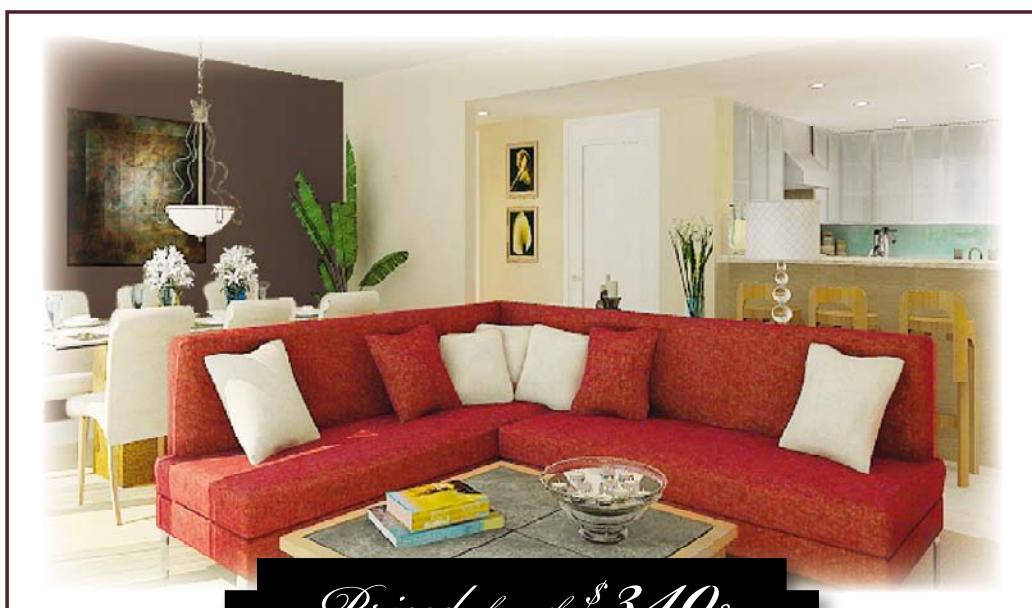
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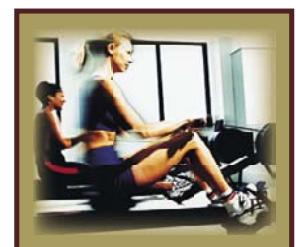
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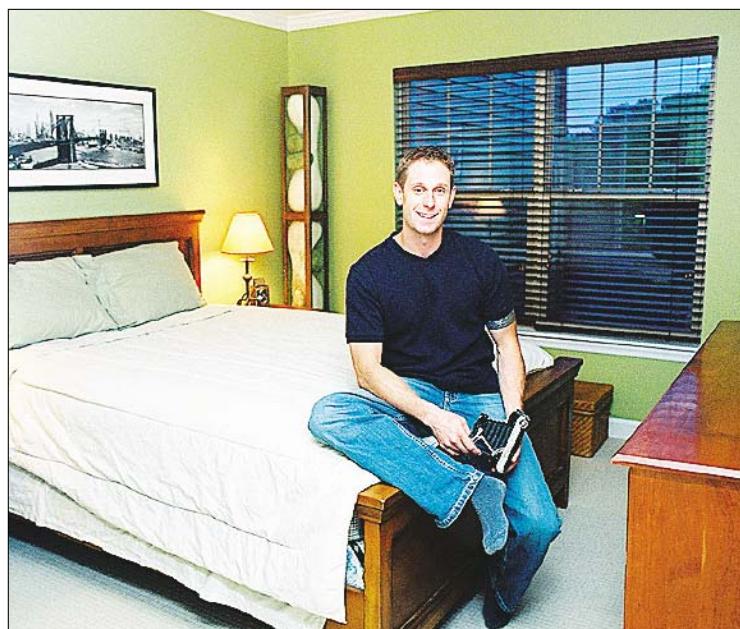
A condo in the suburbs can mean many things to the dedicated citydweller. It can mean a longer commute. It can mean sacrificing easy access to D.C.'s diverse nightlife and culture, or perhaps cold, impersonal high-rises. It can mean a wholesale rejection of all that is urban and good.

But moving beyond the Beltway can also mean a comparably vast space for far less money than a smaller, older unit in Penn Quarter, Old Town or Bethesda. With the housing market still hot, more buyers are turning — perhaps reluctantly, perhaps enthui-

siastically — to the suburbs. And they're finding that, rather than selling out, moving to the 'burbs can mean trading up.

Sometimes way up. Developers are responding to consumer demand for not just more space for less money, but for overall bang for the buck, resulting in swanky designs and amenities that would cost thousands more in the city or a close-in suburb.

"Prices are generally lower in the suburbs for the same type of property," said David Hawkins, a managing broker with McEnearney Associates, a firm specializing in Northern Virginia properties. "Builders pay less for land and can pass some of the savings along to consumers of new construction." And newer construction tends to



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Stephen Mahlstedt recently moved into the Parc Reston in suburban Virginia.

incorporate trendier designs and floor plans, such as "open" layouts with lots of windows.

Demand for these condos is also attracting retailers and service businesses to larger suburban communities, said Hawkins. "Where outlying suburbs once lacked some necessary conveniences, shopping centers, large retailers, and service [businesses] are congregating near newer, larger suburban communities," he said.

But fresh designs and more Bed, Bath & Beyonds aren't the only ways developers are accommodating cityfolk. Pete Blondin, an agent with Herndon-based firm ERA Teachers and operator of reston-condos.com, said the poor market performance of apartment rentals and high demand for

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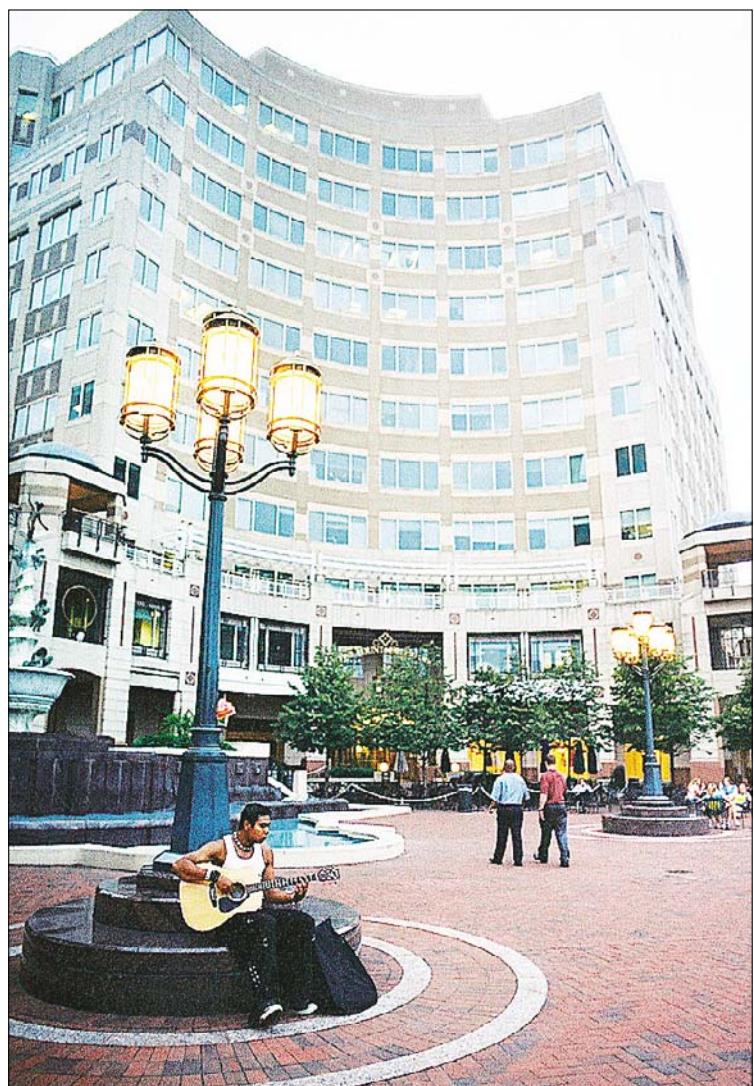
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TJ Ratana plays the guitar in Reston Town Center, a big draw for condo hunters.

condo ownership in the District and surrounding areas has caused some developers to convert older apartment buildings into condominiums.

"This push is coming from several different groups of buyers — retirees who are downsizing are attracted to the increasing number of places offering elevators. They also like the convenience of not having to take care of a yard or a

driveway," he said. "Young professionals and recently married couples are eager to invest their money in a condo rather than keep renting."

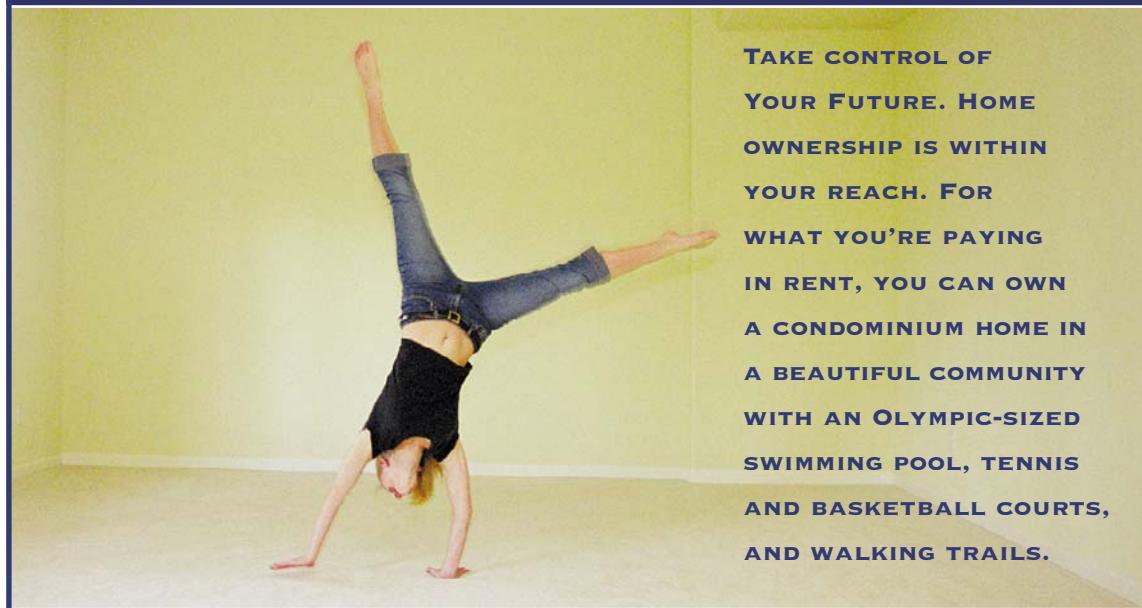
A converted unit in the 'burbs can be an even better deal than a brand-new one. Stephen Mahlstedt recently purchased a two-bedroom condo in the Parc Reston, a renovated garden-style condo community that for 20-plus years was part of an apartment complex. He said he got a great deal, paying in the low \$300s after looking at other units in the same area of similar size (in newer, high- and mid-rise buildings) for nearly twice that amount.

He was drawn to the area in part because of the shops, bars and restaurants of Reston Town Center. So are others, which is one reason prices are rising. "D.C. is obviously expensive, but places out here — especially the high-rises or even the mid-rises — are getting pretty pricey," said Mahlstedt, 32, and restaurants.

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Shopping centers and large retailers are congregating near newer, larger suburban communities.

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Going Suburban

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As demand for suburban space increases, the lines between D.C. and the 'burbs seem to be blurring.

"Even within counties, you have urban condos and suburban condos," said Dennis Melby of Long & Foster's Bethesda Gateway office. "For example, in Montgomery County, Bethesda is as urban as it gets, and Germantown still has farms and cow pastures. The difference is that farther-out condos are greener and less costly." Melby said he recently sold a 500-square-foot condo in Chevy Chase for \$250,000 and a 950-square-foot condo in Germantown for \$150,000, "both in the same week, both buildings the same age."

Suburban settings are also attracting second-home buyers, said Pam O'Connor, CEO and president of RELO/Leading Real Estate Companies of the World,

a nationwide network of leading independent residential real estate firms.

"We have noticed an increase in dual-career couples purchasing condos as second homes. We see it more with couples who work further apart than, for example, D.C. and Baltimore," said O'Connor. Emptynesters, for instance, or couples with one retired spouse and one working spouse, might want to own a second spot in the suburbs.

Far from being a second-choice location, the suburbs appeal to some buyers "in many of the same ways single-family suburban homes do," said O'Connor. "Of course each community is different, but suburban communities often offer relatively lower prices, better schools, more recreational amenities, and a real or perceived safer environment in comparison to urban counterparts."

Many Realtors said new construction was at the top of the list of draws for would-be suburban condo buyers. But sometimes "new"

is in the eye of the beholder, said Blondin. "It's amazing what new buyers — especially the younger ones — consider 'new' these days. They want condos that are just opening, and they're willing to wait years to get them. I've shown people complexes that were just over five years old — and I've been told that they weren't new enough."

The suburbs offer the same, and perhaps more, variety in condo styles, from lofts to high-rises to garden-style units with small yards. The idea of condos being cookie-cutter is going out the window, said Blondin; new complexes are being built that even have a variety of layouts within the same building.

The Midtown Reston Town Center, which opened for sales late this past spring and will open in late 2006, has 293 units, from one- to three-bedrooms and several varieties of penthouses. It also has more than a dozen floor plans. The nearby Savoy has more than

The idea of cookie-cutter condos is over. New complexes offer several layouts within a single building.

30 floor plans; about half of them are loft-style.

For Jennifer Stafford, a 30-year-old who teaches high school in Herndon and moved into her \$300,000 two-bedroom unit in Market Street Condos a few months ago, new construction and convenience were worth a two-year wait and the distance from D.C.

"I love the location — walking

to the Town Center is fantastic. I wanted something brand new, as well," she said. "The distance from D.C. is a drawback, but the distance from work makes it well worth it." (She can get to work in less than 10 minutes, she said). A car or Metro ride into D.C. — something fellow Reston resident Mahlstedt said he makes at least once a week — can take upwards of half an hour. And that's on a good day.

"The greatest drawback to the suburban unit is, of course, the commute. While the developers try to put them up by a Metro [station], they can't all be close," said Long & Foster associate Joan Habib, who is based in the District. She cited proximity to D.C. employers as a direct link to the appreciation of Washington condos.

Then again, space and amenities sometimes trump distance: "I never heard of a city condo with a golf course or a sizeable playground," said Habib. "But the biggest difference is the space available in the two locations." LAURA EWALD



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Trading Up, Not Selling Out

New condominium developments are flourishing in the suburbs, where demand for roomy, lower-priced housing is drawing citydwellers. Here are some new or planned complexes.

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Maryland

THE ASHMORE AT GERMANTOWN

13500 Carlow Point Circle, Germantown
ashmorecondo.com

PRICE: One-bedrooms start in low \$200s, two-bedrooms and three-bedrooms start in the \$300s.

PERKS: Units come with designer name brand appliances and 9-foot ceilings. Community amenities include a swimming pool, heated spa and locker rooms with showers, billiard room and private garages.

DEVELOPER: Fairfield Residential, LLC

DELIVERY: Units will go on sale in fall 2005. Sign up on Web site or call to be placed on preview list.

SALES CONTACT: McWilliams Ballard



Fox Hill Station offers two-bedroom and three-bedroom townhouse-style condos, including some with one-car garages.

at 301-515-1833

HADDSFORD

7106 Chaddsford Drive, Brandywine
khov.com

PRICE: Three-bedroom, two and a half

baths start in the low \$300s.

PERKS: Property includes a 5-acre lake and swimming pool.

DEVELOPER: K.Hovnanian

DELIVERY: Some units are on

sale now.

SALES CONTACT: 301-782-3373

CONDOS AT LARGO

Directly across from the Largo Metro

and the Boulevard at the Capital Centre, Largo
condosatlargo.com

PRICE: Units are not yet priced.

PERKS: Planned amenities include a fitness center, high-tech business center, media room and cyber cafe on premises. Delivery: The complex is slated for completion in 2007. Sales will begin in fall 2005.

SALES CONTACT: Sign up for preview list on Web site.

FAIRWOOD

12501 Gladys Retreat Circle, Bowie
khov.com

PRICE: Three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath units with one-car garage start at \$359,000.

PERKS: A finished rec-room and luxury bath with soaker tub come standard with the buyer's use of their mortgage company.

DELIVERY: Condos went on sale July 22 and are slated for completion in August 2006.

DEVELOPER: K. Hovnanian.

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New Complexes

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501 Hungerford Drive, Rockville
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PRICE: One-bedrooms start at \$320,900; two-bedrooms with study start at \$490,599.

PERKS: Each unit comes with contoured soaking tubs and gas fireplaces. Community amenities include a cyber café, cinema lounge, fitness center and gated entry.

DEVELOPER: Elad Group

DELIVERY: Residents recently began moving in.

SALES CONTACT: Builders 1st Choice at 301-315-8860

MALLARD COVE, SHADY GROVE SQUARE

8009 Needwood Road, Derwood
mallardcovecondos.com

PRICE: Two-bedroom, two-bath units start at \$270.

PERKS: All units have a separate laundry room with washer and dryer, skylights, walk-in closets. Community amenities include a fitness center, basketball and tennis courts and a 24-hour emergency answering service.

DELIVERY: Renovated units are now



Prices at the Parc Reston start in the \$300,000s. All units feature patios or decks.

for sale and ready for move-in; refurbishing in other units continues.

DEVELOPER: Wills Companies

SALES CONTACT: The Ocean Group at 301-519-8206

METRO PLACE AT TOWN CENTER

Near Branch Ave. Metro station, in Suitland

metroplace.info

PRICE: Two-bedroom townhouses and condos, starting in the low \$200s, should go on sale in late fall 2005.

DEVELOPER: K.Hovnanian

SALES CONTACT: 240-695-1607 for more info or sign up for previews on

the Web site.

SILVERTON

1201 East West Highway, Silver Spring
silverspringcondo.com

PRICE: One-bedrooms start in the low \$300s; one-bedroom with den begins in the upper \$300s.

PERKS: Units come with flat-screen TVs, high speed internet access. Community features include an outdoor pool, fitness center, reserved garage parking and an E-Lounge with plasma television, surround sound and wireless internet.

DEVELOPER: Silver Spring Square

DELIVERY: On sale now. Move-ins are slated for late 2005.

SALES CONTACT: McWilliams Ballard at 301-588-2300

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18318 Streamside Dr. #104,
Gaithersburg
condosatrosewood.com

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PERKS: An Olympic-sized pool, tennis and basketball courts, and children's playgrounds.

DEVELOPER: Stellar Rosewood, LLC

DELIVERY: Already renovated units are on sale now, with renovations continuing through August.

SALES CONTACT: 301-208-0302

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PRICE: One-bedrooms start in the mid-high \$300s; two-bedrooms, high \$500s to low \$600s; two-bedrooms with den, mid \$600s; three-bedrooms, mid \$800s.

PERKS: Hardwood floors and luxurious baths are included in each unit. Complex amenities include pool, and club rooms with TV, entertainment bar and kitchenette.

DEVELOPER: Ross Development &

Danac

DELIVERY: On sale now. Units are expected to be complete by mid to late 2006. Total parcel completion is slated for 2007.

SALES CONTACT: The Mayhood Company at 301-610-6035

Virginia

1001 East View

1001 West View at Ballston Metro
1001 N. Vermont St, Arlington
theviewatballstonmetro.com

PRICE: One-bedrooms start in the mid \$300s, two-bedrooms start in mid \$500s.

PERKS: Units come outfitted with new kitchens, granite countertops and sunrooms. Community amenities include a swimming pool, fitness center, barbecue area, E-Lounge and underground parking.

Developer: Wills Companies

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13600 Coppermine Road Oak Hill, Fairfax khov.com

PRICE: Three-bedroom, two and a half baths start at \$507,990

PERKS: Luxury baths and gas fireplaces.

DEVELOPER: K. Hovnanian Homes
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SALES CONTACT: 703-793-9333

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13001 Cabin Creek Road, Herndon foxmillstation.com

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PERKS: Community features included swimming pool with sundeck and fire-side lounge.

DEVELOPER: Wills Companies.

DELIVERY: Units are finished and on sale now

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2727 S. Quincy St., Arlington iopiazza.com

PRICE: One-bedrooms begin in the high \$300s, two-bedrooms start at \$469,990 three-bedrooms start in the \$700s.

PERKS: Deluxe kitchens, maple cabinetry, a community business center and exercise room.

DEVELOPER: Ed Peete Company

DELIVERY: On sale now. [Are units finished?]

SALES CONTACT: Tammy Bagnato/Coldwell Banking Residential Brokerage at 703-741-9950

PARC RESTON

1791 Jonathan's Way, Reston parcreston.com

PRICE: One-bedrooms with den start at \$320, two-bedrooms, one bath starts in mid \$300s, two-bedrooms, two bath starts in high \$300s.

PERKS: All units include private patio; two-bedroom units come with two master suites. Community amenities include pool, clubhouse and biking trails.

DEVELOPER: Athena Renaissance

DELIVERY: Sales started in March 2005. Complex completion is expected in January or February 2006.

SALES CONTACT: Chris Howell at 703-435-5200

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4910 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria cameronstationcondos.com

PRICE: One-bedrooms start at \$386,999, two and three-bedrooms start from the \$400s to \$800s.

PERKS: All units come with a Whirlpool dishwasher, refrigerator and washer and dryer.

DEVELOPER: K. Hovnanian Homes

DELIVERY: On sale now. Delivery is slated for fall 2006 or spring 2007. Sales Contact: Call 703-751-4070

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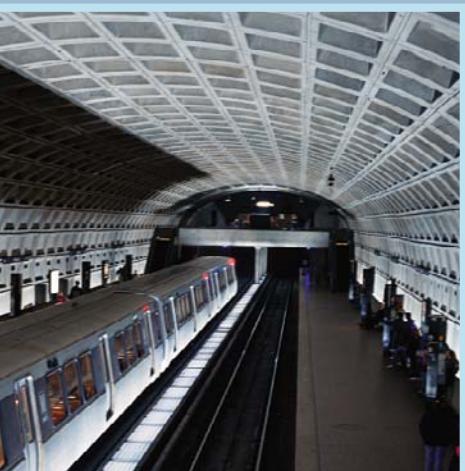
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Developers Find Fault With Flippers

Those who buy and sell new condos for profit may be shut out

For the past few years, it has been a way to make easy money: Sign a contract to buy a property when it is still nothing more than a few squiggles on a builder's plans. Then, when there are four walls and a floor, or even before, flip it to another buyer, making a profit without ever moving in or even being a landlord.

With prices and demand climbing around the Washington region, such investors could make hundreds of thousands of dollars during the two years or so that it takes to build a condominium complex, townhouse or housing development, with just a small down payment at risk.

But like much of real estate investing these days, this pre-construction buying has become a lot harder, largely because builders are trying to rein in the process.

"There is a general understanding among builders that there is a lot of hot money out there, people buying for short-term capital gain purposes only," said David Seiders, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders. "There's definitely a concern that if there's some inkling of prices flattening, or rates going up sharply, they could get a large flow of units back onto the market."

Developers have several concerns about pre-construction speculators. For one, if the market turns down, investors are considered far more likely to walk away from a deposit than are owner-occupants. And even if they don't walk, investors who plan on selling their units after the property is built can be competition with the developer's own final sales on a project.

"When you sell a unit to an investor, it's kind of a phantom sale," said Bobby Montagne, president and chief executive of Walnut Street Development, a condo devel-

opment firm in Fairfax. "You've sold that unit, it's not available anymore, but in the end, you might not have sold it."

With values rising the way they have been, two years has meant huge price appreciation. It has been hard for developers to sit back and watch investors earn millions of dollars they might have kept themselves.

"Developers don't want to feel like they're leaving dollars on the table," said Jim Abdo of District-

It's becoming harder and harder to distinguish between possible speculators and owner-occupants.

based Abdo Development, a luxury condo developer. "If absorption on a project is that intense, and it's worth so much more at the time of completion, they've let a lot of money go out the door. That's the concern I'm hearing. They want to ensure and protect themselves in a way that doesn't allow someone else to take that profit portion."

Abdo said development profits have been squeezed recently by soaring land and construction costs, which he described as a "runaway train."

He said, "Anyone who says inflation is in check is not in the construction business."

Investors can also complicate financing. Lenders often require that developers pre-sell a certain

percentage of units before they can get the financing they need to build. However, particularly with condos, lenders will often put a cap on the percentage of investors in a project. If there are too many investors, it can be almost impossible for other buyers to get mortgages.

But limiting investors is a double-edged sword.

On the positive side, investor buyers definitely help create a buzz around a project because they can add significantly to the number of people interested in purchasing, especially now when there are so many of them. When hundreds of people line up the morning that unbuilt condos go up for sale, creating a buying frenzy, it's likely that a significant portion of them are investors, developers said.

"Investors are absolutely a positive for developers," Montagne said. "I think I'd have bigger problems if people didn't want to invest in my buildings than I have when they do."

So developers need investor buyers, but are also wary of them.

"On the one hand, you don't want to discourage so many people from buying that you can't meet your bank requirements," said Tom Bozzuto, chief executive of Greenbelt-based Bozzuto Group, a builder of single-family houses, townhouses and condominiums. "But on the other hand, when you're doing new construction, I'd rather not have a lot of investor sales, because if I'm fooling the bank, I'm only fooling myself." Bozzuto, like other developers, said if he could have his way, he would sell all his homes to people who planned to live in them.

Bozzuto said the problem now is that with so many investors shopping, it has become harder and harder to distinguish between speculators and owner-occupants.

"It used to be that you could limit investor buyers simply by saying it, and generally people would be

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straight with you," Bozzuto said. "But now, a lot of people do lie to you. So we need to devote more energy to culling through our customers to make sure we have legitimate home buyers."

A buyer's personal situation can also change. That means someone who really intended to live in a unit could, for instance, face a job transfer that turns him into an investor.

A recent study by the Washington-based National Association of Home Builders found that in "hot metro markets" — and the Washington area is considered one of those — investment buyers now account for 11 percent of purchasers of new single-family homes. For multi-family condominium projects, investors made up 15 percent of all buyers.

It's not clear how many of those investors plan to sell quickly; there

are also many real estate investors who believe in holding property for the long-term.

The survey found that many builders in these "hot metro markets" have taken concrete steps to reduce investor sales. Among them: selling only to owner-occupants (52 percent); prohibiting renting during the first year after settlement (33 percent); not selling more than one home to buyers with the same last name (29 percent); retaining the right to buy the unit back at the same price if the owner tries to sell within the first year (28 percent).

Local investor Arthur Dubin said that he, like many others, would love to buy pre-construction, if only he could. "I've let about a half-dozen of these pre-construction deals get past me over the past few years," he said. "Sometimes I questioned the high initial prices and then they went up \$200 a square foot in two months. Or I sneezed and they were all gone. They go that fast. And now it's become really hard."

District-based condo developer

Many builders in hot metro markets are taking steps to reduce sales to investors who might flip a unit

PN Hoffman Inc. has taken steps to limit exposure to investors. The company tries to sell 25 percent of the units in a project before construction begins, according to Steve Earl, the company's chief operating officer. The aim is to "confirm their market and their price points." The company tries to sell the remaining 75 percent of a project during

construction.

Earl said his firm requires higher down payments for investor buyers, typically 10 percent rather than 7 percent. It also requires investors to be pre-approved for financing at 2 percentage points above the current market rate, as a hedge against interest rates rising before construction is complete.

Montagne said his firm has also increased deposit amounts over the past six months, now requiring 5 percent down, and another 5 percent when the roof goes on the building.

Investor Dubin said one developer he knows is asking for 5 percent of the gross sales price if a buyer sells a home within two years of signing the purchase contract.

Bozzuto said his firm tries to limit the number of investors in a project to 15 percent of all buyers. He said Bozzuto Homes has begun putting a clause in its purchase contracts that says that Bozzuto can buy back a unit at the same sales price if a buyer attempts to sell the

home prior to the second anniversary of the date of the purchase agreement. (Usually that's sometime during construction.) His company is also requiring buyers to sign a document that states they will go to closing.

"We always worry how legally enforceable any document like that is, though," Bozzuto said. The legality of most of these restrictions has largely not yet been tested.

Besides relying on those formal barriers, developers have also developed a nose for sniffing out investors. "They're always the first in line," said Montagne. "They always want to buy the least expensive units. You've often seen their names before on other jobs."

However, he said, if buyers agree to all his conditions, and provide pre-approval letters and statements saying they will be owner-occupants, "You basically end up signing the contract anyway. Because really, what are you going to do?" DANIELA DEANE (WASHINGTON POST, ORIGINAL PUBLISHED MAY 21, 2005)



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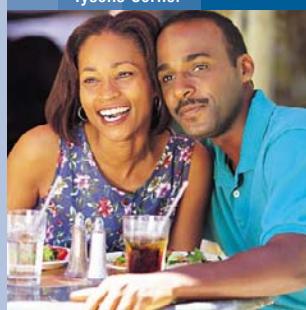
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REMODELING MAGAZINE: remodeling.hw.net
WASHINGTONIAN GUIDE TO HOME REMODELING: washingtonian.com/etc/shopping/home/remodeling.html
WASHINGTON POST, HOME CHAT: Ask the Home section staff for remodeling tips. Every Thursday at 11 a.m. washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Research Tools

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS: Pore over state and local economic data. bea.doc.gov

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY: Is your future condo Metro-accessible? wmata.com

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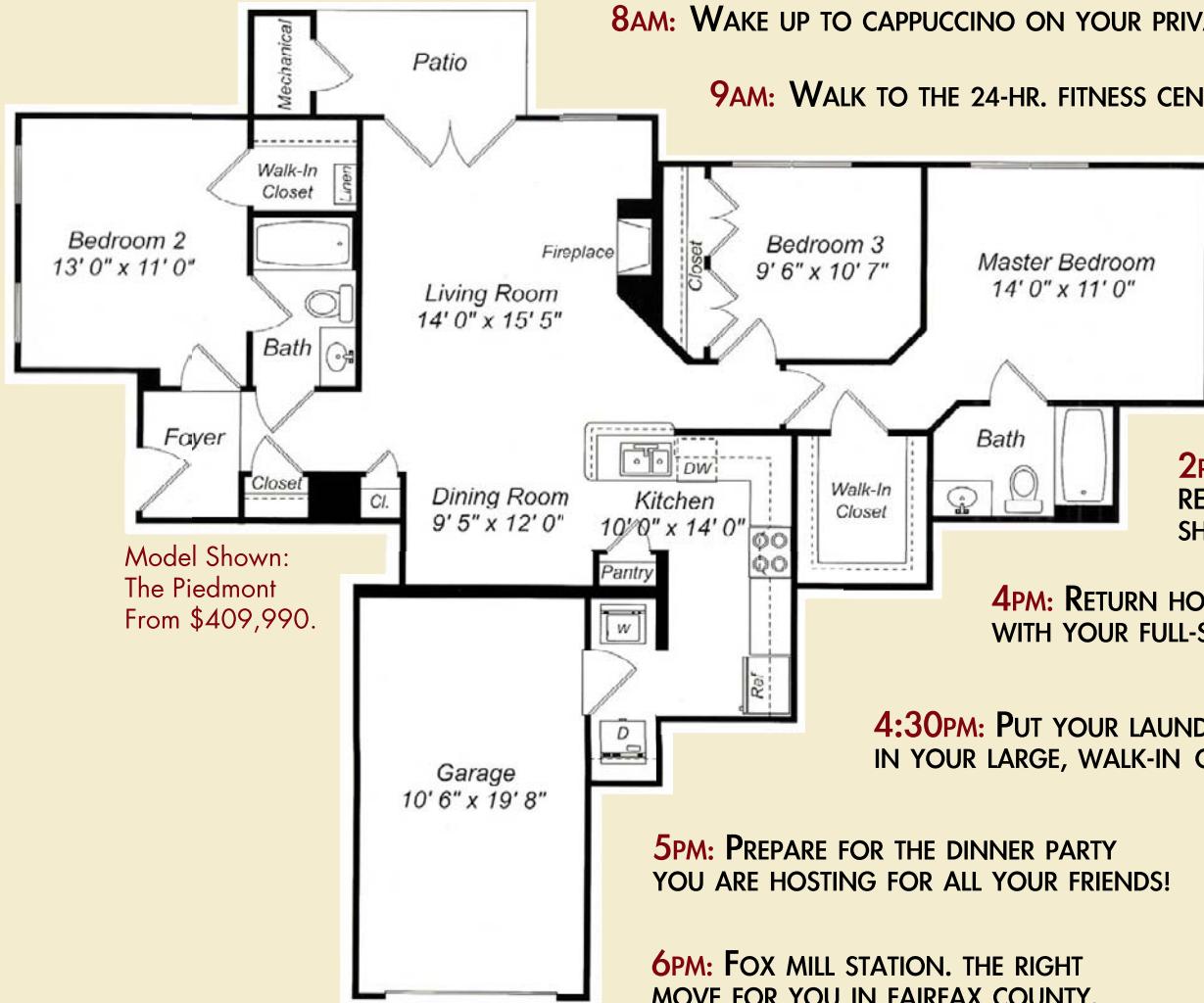


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\$340,000	1,623	1,723	1,825	1,930	2,038	2,149	2,262	2,377	2,495	2,614	2,736	2,859	2,984
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